

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
12:30 pm

Members Present:	Others:	
Ed Wafle	Alan Peterson	Lynn Willard
Jerry Niles	Brian Loyd	
Scott Wilhorn	Ashley Thompson	
Joe Lally	Pat Cowan	

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Ed Wafle.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - The November minutes were approved on a Niles/Lally motion.
2. Approval of Vouchers
  - A Wilhorn/Niles motion to approve vouchers passed.
3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties
  - 119 N Monroe St., New Lisbon, WI, Parcel #29261537
    - The Parker family has been working with a loan agent at the Bank of Mauston and are now pre-approved for a loan to purchase back the house at 119 N Monroe from Juneau County. It is anticipated that the loan will be granted and an offer submitted by the January Committee meeting. A loan guarantee with the offer will be sent to the Committee in place of the 10% bid deposit.
  - 910 W State St., Mauston, WI, Parcel #292510648
    - Jackie Baker has had difficulty making recent lease payments for the property. After several months of being unable to pay off the balance the Department terminated the lease and requested he remove all his personal property from the building. Jackie has started removing his property and will have it out by early January. The Committee recommends placing the property out for sale or lease again.
4. Authorization to Enter into an Amended Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement for Karner Blue Butterfly
  - The WI DNR has not returned the updated agreement at this time. Passage of the agreement will need to wait until the document is returned to Juneau

County in January or February. Juneau County will continue under coverage of the old agreement until the updated version is passed.

#### 5. Discussion on Public Outreach for County Forest 15-Year Land Use Plan Update

- Brian Loyd shared information on the early steps in the process of updating the County Forest 15-Year Plan. The level and approach of conducting public outreach and obtaining public input on the County Forest Plan was discussed. Recommendations included utilizing in-house capabilities to keep costs down, hold two meetings in Mauston and Necedah, and to reach out to stakeholder groups by mail.
- A Wilhorn/Lally motion to form a public outreach strategy that involves conducting an online survey, hold two separate public open houses in Mauston and Necedah, and reach out to stakeholder groups or clubs by mail passed.

#### 6. Administrator's Report:

- Forest – The Highway Department is nearing completion of repairs on the tree planting dozer. Once repaired the dozer will be field tested on the tree planting site for the coming spring. Testing will determine if more problems persist or the dozer is fit for another tree planting season. Search for a new dozer capable of doing the tree planting work through the government surplus equipment program will be explored.
- Parks – The campgrounds' electric has been turned off, the boat launch piers have been brought in, and buildings have been winterized.
- Trails – The Bass Hollow Horseback Riding Trail has been repaired back to a useable condition. The Finley hiking and hunting trails will not be mowed this year due to wet conditions and shortness of time.

#### 7. Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) For Purpose of Considering Performance Evaluations of Employees.

- Closed session was not required.

#### 8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Wilhorn/Lally motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Forestry and Parks Department.