

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
June 14th, 2022
12:30 pm

Members Present:

Jim Parrett (chair)
Jack Jasinski
Ray Feldman
Chris Zindorf
Betty Manson

Others:

Brian Loyd

Denise Giebel

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Jim Parrett.

1. Approval of Minutes

- The May minutes were approved on a Zindorf/Feldman motion.

2. Review Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed and discussed.

3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties

➤ Town of Lemonweir

- Parcel: 290181387 & 290181386
 - On April 11, 2022, Juneau County received title to parcel #387 and #386 through the tax foreclosure process. The parcels were formerly owned by Joshua Combs.
 - On June 1st, an attorney's office in Reedsburg filed a lawsuit on Joshua Combs behalf to stop his eviction and to have the court overturn the tax foreclosure of his property and allow him to pay off the back taxes. At this time nothing will be pursued with the property until the lawsuit is resolved.

➤ N7089 8th Avenue, New Lisbon

- After the completion of the DNR ordered clean-up of the property, Juneau County was invoiced \$68,345.36 from the contractor North shore Environmental Construction who performed the work. Juneau County processed the invoice and mailed payment by check to the correct address of the contractor, however North Shore claim to have never received the check for payment. When looking up the check it was found to have been cashed by another entity claiming to be North Shore. The North Shore Contractor is looking for payment of their

invoice and is prepared to place a lien on the property because of the unpaid amount.

- Juneau County Treasurer, Denise Giebel, is working with the Bank of Mauston, the Juneau County Sheriff's Department and David Lasker to find out what happened to the check and who cashed it. The Bank of American and Wells Fargo who allowed the check to be cashed are also involved.

➤ 2021 Act 216

- April 1st, 2022, Act 216 became law in Wisconsin. The new law makes changes to how county's process tax delinquent properties and how they can recoup revenue by selling tax delinquent properties. Denise Giebel explained the effect the law will have on selling tax delinquent properties in the future and the impact it will have on land sale revenue.

4. Lemonweir Valley Utility Placement Permit

- Brian Loyd discussed a request from the Lemonweir Valley Utility Company who are seeking permission to place fiber-optic cable along State Hwy 80 in Clearfield Township. The Utility will place the fiber-optic cable in the right-of-way of the road and the installation is not expected to effect the adjacent Juneau County Forest. Brian Loyd prepared a Utility Permit to establish approval of the request.
- A Jasinski/Zindorf motion to approve the permit request from Lemonweir Valley Utility passed.

5. American Legion – Union Center Canoe Launch Discussion

- The Committee discussed a parcel of land in Union Center that Juneau County and the American Legion Post in Elroy are working toward an agreement together to install an ADA Canoe & Kayak launch. The American Legion Post agreed to convey title to the land to Juneau County if a launch is built on the river. At this time no funding is currently earmarked for the project, though State grants could be pursued to help fund such a project.
- A recommendation by Feldman to include Juneau County Driftless Canoe Launch in the naming of the new park/canoe launch along with recognition of the American Legion Post providing the land was discussed.

6. Administrator's Report:

- Forest – Brian Loyd provided a brief review of the timber sale activity on the Juneau County Forest.
- Parks – A tour of the Castle Rock County Park is schedule June 21st after the County Board meeting. Approximately 1:00 pm.
- Trails – No trail news to report.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Jasinski/Manson motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, at the Forestry, Parks and Zoning Building.