

Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
12:30 pm

Members Present:

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

Others:

Brian Loyd  
Ashley Thompson  
Pat Cowan  
Dave Donnelly

Denise Giebel  
Tom Mueller  
Dustin Ladd  
Joshua Combs

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- The April minutes were approved on a Jasinski/Parrett motion.

2. Review Vouchers

- Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. Vouchers were approved on a Zindorf/Jasinski motion.

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.
  - Joshua Combs stated to the Committee his reasons for allowing the taxes to go unpaid and requested an opportunity to make payment on the taxes and penalties in-order to regain his foreclosed property.
  - Denise Giebel provided the Committee with information regarding the Treasurer's Department efforts to contact Joshua Combs about resolving the unpaid taxes prior to the Court ruling but did not receive a response.
  - The adopted policy of the Land, Forestry, Parks & Zoning Committee is to respect the judgments obtained in that process and not to allow foreclosed property owners to make agreements with the Committee for post-judgment retention or

return of their property, except for rarely in cases involving extraordinary and unusually compelling circumstances.

- A Zindorf/Feldman motion to deny the request passed.

➤ Village of Union Center

- Parcel: 291860201.1

- A single bid was received in the amount of \$501.00 dollars by Ben Preston. Ben Preston is an adjacent land owner.

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- A Zindorf/Manson motion to accept the sole bid from Ben Preston for the parcel passed.

4. Authorization for County Participation in Available State Grant Programs

- Brian Loyd discussed a resolution seeking authorization to participate in the WI DNR Stewardship Grant Program. The Department has prepared an application for a Stewardship Grant that could provide up to 50% funding for park improvements at Castle Rock Park. Financial support from American Rescue Plan Act funding has been approved by the Finance Committee towards the project.
- A Feldman/Jasinski motion to approve the resolution passed.

5. Authorization for County Participation in the State Outdoor Motorized Trail Aids Program

- Brian Loyd discussed a resolution seeking authorization to participate in the WI DNR Outdoor Motorized Trail Aids Program. Each year the Department prepares a grant request to obtain funding for the Juneau County Snowmobile and ATV Trail system. The funding supports trail maintenance and trail signing efforts by the Snowmobile and ATV Clubs. Every few years an updated resolution is required by the WI DNR.
- A Feldman/Zindorf motion to approve the resolution passed.

6. American Legion – Union Center Canoe Launch Discussion

- The Committee discussed the proposed Union Center canoe launch property and suggested there be a resolution drafted to accept the land for the canoe launch that is being gifted by the American Legion Post 115 in Elroy.

- Acceptance of the land will also come with a stipulation that local Boy and Girl Scout groups can continue using the land as they had previously.
- A Feldman/Zindorf motion to draft a resolution to accept the gifted land from the American Legion Post 115 in Elroy for the development of a canoe launch in Union Center passed.

#### 7. Administrator's Report:

- Forest – Three timber sales are currently active on the County Forest in Armenia Township.
- Parks – Brian, Ashley and Rec Officer Tom Mueller discussed potential ATV/UTV issues that are expected to increase due to County Highway G opening to UTV traffic.
- A Zindorf/Feldman motion to keep roads at Castle Rock Park closed to ATV/UTVs except at a designated parking area near the entrance to the park and park office passed.
- Trails – No trail news to report.

#### 8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Jasinski/Feldman motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Forestry, Parks and Zoning Building.