

**DODGE COUNTY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 4, 2013**

The Dodge County Planning, Development and Parks Committee met on November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Floor of the Administration Building, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order. Roll Call was taken. Members present were Tom Schaefer, Allen Behl, Randy Grebel and Joseph Marsik. William Muche was excused. The staff present at the request of the Chairman were Bill Ehlenbeck and Joseph Giebel.

The Chairman asked the staff to confirm compliance with the open meeting laws and the public hearing notice requirements. Mr. Giebel noted that the meeting was properly noticed in accord with the open meeting law and noted that the required notice for the public hearing listed on the agenda was posted, mailed and published in accord with the statute and code requirements.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as posted.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Planning and Development

1. Armond Alsteen – Comments on the Fox Lake Floodplain study.

Mr. Alsteen met with the Committee to express his concerns with the Floodplain Study that was used to determine the new floodplain elevation for the Fox Lake area. Mr. Alsteen provided the Committee with information related to the Fox Lake Floodplain study. Mr. Alsteen believes that the rainfall data and flood gate information through the dam that was used in the study is in error and results in a higher floodplain elevation than it should be. Mr. Alsteen also complained that he has had problems getting information from the DNR and FEMA regarding the study which should be open records. Mr. Alsteen submitted handouts to the Committee and asked them to review the data to see if anything can be done to recalculate the floodplain elevation for the Fox Lake area.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dodge County Planning, Development and Parks Committee – Solicitation of comments on the request of the Marshview Riders ATV Club to allow UTVs (Utility Terrain Vehicles) to ride on the Dodge County portion of the Wild Goose Trail during the winter ATV trail season. Written comments must be submitted in writing to Dodge County Land Resources & Parks Dept., 127 E. Oak St., Juneau, WI 53039 or via email: parcs@co.dodge.wi.us or fax: 920-386-3979 by 4 pm, Monday, November 4, 2013.

Information on the request is available for review at www.dodgeparcs.com or in the County Land Resources and Parks Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (920-386-3700) at their office at 127 E. Oak St., Juneau, WI 53039.

Bill Ehlenbeck provided a brief explanation of the request to allow UTV's to ride on the Dodge County portion of the Wild Goose State Trail during the winter ATV trail season. Bill also read e-mail correspondence that he received regarding this proposal. Most correspondence was in favor of allowing the UTV's on the trail; however they expressed concern with the possible damage that would be done to groomed trails by the use of UTV's. There was also some

concern expressed with the wider vehicles and potentially higher speeds that would be allowed on the trail which could be a safety issue.

Three people spoke in favor of the request but they also had concerns with the damage to the groomed trails and asked if the use of UTV's could be restricted to the times when there was no snow on the trails. Bill indicated that it would be very difficult to enforce a split season for UTV's and recommended that if they allow UTV's to use the trail, that they use the same schedule as the ATV's and snowmobiles.

No one spoke in opposition.

The committee indicated that they would like to see a trial period to see if the UTV use of the trail would be compatible with the current uses and asked Bill to draft a resolution to allow a 2-year trial period operating under the same requirements as ATVs.

OTHER BUSINESS

PARK SYSTEM

1. Review Bids for Harnischfeger Bathroom Project

Bill Ehlenbeck reviewed the bids that were received for the Harnischfeger Bathroom Project with the Committee. Bill indicated that the bids came in well over the budgeted funds for this project. The bids received ranged from \$284,300.00 to 318,056.30. The amount budgeted was for \$200,000.00 which included the consultant fees. Options on how to proceed were discussed with the Committee. The Committee asked Bill to research other options for reducing the project costs, including consideration of site built construction rather than prefab and then bring this matter back to the Committee for discussion and decision at a future Committee meeting.

2. Request to re-appropriate funds for Harnischfeger Bathroom Project.

- Withdrawn at this time, pending decision on bids and final costs.

3. Russell Weiss – Part of the NE ¼, SE ¼, Section 4, Town of Hustisford - Request for waiver of double fees for variance request.

- Mr. Weiss asked the Committee to waive the double fees for the variance request for the construction of the driveway on his property. Mr. Weiss presented his case to the Committee and asked the Committee to reduce the variance fee to \$450.00.
- The Committee explained that in accord with the fee schedule ordinance, a double fee is charged when projects are started prior to obtaining a permit and in this case, Mr. Weiss has already completed the project, therefore the permit fee is doubled. The Committee denied his request for reduction of the application fee.

4. TOWN REZONING REQUESTS

Richard and Bonnie Wolff - Part of Lots 1 and 2, CSM 4655, located in part of the SW ¼, SW ¼, and part of the SE ¼, SW ¼, Section 35, Town of Portland, the site address being N100 and N102 Youker Road – Petition to rezone 4.3-acres of land from the A1 Farmland Preservation Zoning District to the A-2 General Agricultural Zoning District – County Board Recommendation.

Motion by Grebel to submit a favorable recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors on the Town Rezoning petition of Richard and Bonnie Wolff, Section 35, Town of Portland.

Second by Marsik Vote 4-0 Motion carried.

5. The minutes from the October 21, 2013 meeting were reviewed by the Committee.

Motion by Grebel to approve the minutes as written.

Second by Marsik Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

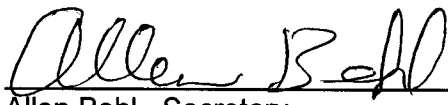
6. No Committee Member Reports

7. No additional per diems.

Motion by order of the Chairperson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allen Behl, Secretary

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