

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mike Skivington, Nita Krenz, Bill Boutwell, Bob Schweder, David Albright, Nancy Hiestand

Absent:

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Ken Stephani**, Finance Director; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel (Remote); **Jessica McLean**, Treasurer (Remote)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)

Tony Daley, Berlin Journal – asked committee members to speak clear into microphones

Ken Bates, W2806 Oak Terrance LN – commented on County K bike path

Tom Kloosterboer, W2684 Oakwood Beach Rd – commented on County K bike path

Stephanie Prellwitz, Chief Executive Officer of the Green Lake Association – spoke about invasive species and blue green algae monitoring

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Krenz) to approve the minutes of the 10/10/2024 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **County Library Services Report**

Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director of Winnefox Library System – handed out a report to the committee members

Lucas Almas, Markesan Library Director – Updated the committee on recent activates they hosted. Last month they purchased a telescope that has gotten tons of use.

Lara Roehl, President of the Princeton Public Library – Spoke on the participation with the angel trees. They also held a Halloween Party that had a great turn out.

Chris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director – Thanked the board for their continued support. The Berlin Library put together an Escape Room with the Berlin High School Library. They had a great turn out of 50-55 people. They have also been working with Fox River Industries and allowing the clients to help with projects around the library. Kalupa also shared they are in contact with the Berlin Historical Society and will be hosting a Antique Appraisals event on December 7th.

- **Land Conservation** – Todd Morris, County Conservationist went over his report that can be found in the packet. Discussion held.
- **Parks** – Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor went over his report that can be found in the packet. Weir also shared that the kayak launches are scheduled to be put in in the spring.

COUNTY K BIKE PATH UPDATE

Chair Schweder talked to the Highway Commissioner. To build a bike path, it would be \$50,000 - \$90,000 per mile. Schweder stated the committee would need to look into funding and possibilities for grants. Supervisor Skivington asked the public to reach out to him via email as he would like to continue to work on this project.

2024 STATE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD (LWCB) FALL ELECTION VOTING

Morris explained the process of the Land and Water Conservation Board Fall Election.

Motion/Second (Krenz/Albright) to vote for Rebecca Clarke, Mike Hofberger, and Monte Osterman. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BIDS FOR LAUNCH MAINTENANCE (DREDGING)

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Skivington) to pick Outdoor Impact. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Next meeting date – December 12th, 2024
 - Future agenda items for action & discussion
- Green Lake Association
 - Parks Promotion
 - Update on Parks Director

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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