Minutes of the Land Use, Parks and Environment (LUPE) Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jennifer Grant, Keith Hammitt, Bill Mitchell, Tom Michalski, Chris Mommaerts, Richard Morris, and Tom Schellinger.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Director of Parks & Land Use Dale Shaver, Parks System Manager Steve Brunner, Corporation Counsel Erik Weidig, Real Estate Broker Joe Eldredge of Colliers International, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Business Manager Steve Trimborn; County Board Supervisors Paul Decker, Tim Dondlinger, Darlene Johnson, and Jim Heinrich; and Citizens Alex Jaworski, Tim Sullivan, Jason and Lauren Hoelz, John Morris, Chris Stabler, Craig Bartsch, Kathryn Skelton, and Joe Vachuska.

Approve Minutes – May 19, 2020

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Mitchell to approve the minutes of May 19. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Committee Report – June 15, 2020

Grant advised the Executive Committee heard a presentation on County Board survey results and the County Board Office Strategic Plan Environmental Scan, approved 19 appointments, and heard a grievance appeal including a closed session for a previous Waukesha County employee.

Public Comment

Vachuska asked the committee to weed out offers that are from developers who do not intend to operate the land as a golf course.

Stabler spoke in favor of an offer that would keep the course operating as a golf course. He indicated the offer may be lower than a developer but it is the correct price for a golf course.

Morris, representing the Storm family, said he has made a viable offer and intends to keep Wanaki operating as a golf course.

Bartsch and Skelton said they have made an offer for Wanaki, representing Bear.

Hoelz said he is the operator of Western Lakes and has submitted and offer to purchase Wanaki and they would like to extend the deed restriction to preserve golf.

Future Meeting Dates

- July 21, 2020
- August 18, 2020

Legislative Update

Spaeth said the Governor announced \$200 million in CARES Act funds will be made available to local governments as grants to reimburse their unbudgeted expenditures incurred from COVID-19. Waukesha County is eligible to receive \$6.6 million.

Closed Session

MOTION: Mitchell moved, second by Morris to go into closed session at 8:44 a.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to deliberate and/or formulate a strategy regarding negotiations with respect to the proposed sale of Wanaki Golf Course and the offer(s) to purchase received for that property. Motion carried 7-0.

The committee reconvened in open session at 10:17 a.m.

Discuss and Consider 175-O-014 Authorize Sale of Wanaki Golf Course

The committee did not take action on the ordinance.

MOTION: Mitchell moved, second by Hammitt to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Mitchell

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