Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Land Use, Parks & Environment Committee Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Supervisor Foti called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Tyler Foti, Jennifer Grant, Christine Howard, Robert Kolb, Chris Mommaerts and Gary Szpara. **Absent:** Brian Meier

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Chairman Paul Decker, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Planning and Zoning Manager Jason Fruth, Parks System Manager Steve Brunner, Senior Landscape Architect Nicki Jensen, Park System Manager Rebecca Mattano, Park Programs Specialist Tori Staab, Senior Landscape Architect Lynda Fink and Supervisor Darlene Johnson

Approve Minutes of August 15

MOTION: Szpara moved, second by Foti to approve the minutes of August 15. Motion carried 5-0 Mommaerts abstained.

Kolb arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Next Meeting Date

October 10 - Joint LUPE and Finance Committee

Executive Committee Report of August 22

Foti said Executive Committee met before the County Board meeting to review appointments.

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that the legislature is back this week. A series of election bills have been introduced, and County Clerk Meg Wartman and Fraley have been offering feedback and may be providing testimony at an informational meeting. One of the main issues is to align the primary election dates so that two iterations of primary ballots do not have to be sent out. Fraley is working with Public Works on the 2024 earmark application to secure the \$10 million needed to fill the gaps in spending for the Moorland Road project. There was funding earmarked in the state budget for the concept of mental health urgent care setting to streamline the process of detentions.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 178-R-003 Adopt Five-Year Capital Projects Plan - Parks and Land Use (Items 36-42)

Brunner was present to discuss the above-listed capital projects as outlined in the 2024-2028 Capital Projects Plan.

Grant voiced concern that the general fund is paying for half of the protective netting barrier between Moor Downs golf course and the Waukesha Employee Health & Wellness Center (Item 37.) as the golf course is an enterprise fund. Brunner explained that general county operations also

benefit from the installation. One of the main goals of this project is to be able to use Center's parking lot again. Szpara asked if a golf course user fee could be increased for a time to pay for the general fund expenditure. Brunner responded that golf fees are increased every year for what the market allows. Anything more than that could potentially result in lost business. Foti said that this is a county issue because the Health and Wellness Center is relatively new, and was placed there knowing the golf course was there.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Grant to recommend approval of the above-listed capital projects to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-045 Authorize Department of Parks And Land Use To Apply For And Accept Grant Funding From The State Of Wisconsin Department Of Transportation's Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Program For The New Berlin Trail Rehabilitation Project Brunner and Fink presented that this ordinance authorizes the Department of Parks and Land Use to apply for and accept grant funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for the New Berlin Trail Rehabilitation project. The project was updated to include \$787,000 for the rehabilitation of 1.0 mile of pavement on the New Berlin Trail. TAP grant revenue is anticipated to cover 80% of the increased cost.

MOTION: Szpara moved, second by Howard to approve Ordinance 178-O-045. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-042 Authorize the Waukesha County Department of Parks And Land Use To Accept Cash Donation From The Friends Of Retzer Nature Center And Modify The Department's 2023 Budget To Appropriate Expenditures

Jensen presented that this ordinance authorizes the Department of Parks and Land Use to accept a \$30,000 cash donation from the Friends of Retzer Nature Center for the specific purpose of making facility improvements, including the purchase of furniture and materials for the Citizen Science Learning Lab at the Retzer Nature Center. This ordinance also authorizes modification of the Department's 2023 budget to appropriate expenditures.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Kolb to approve Ordinance 178-O-042. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-043 Authorize Application for And Acceptance Of County Conservation Grant For Okauchee Lake, Pewaukee Lake, Oconomowoc And Fox River System Watersheds 2024 Muskellunge Stocking

Mattano and Staab presented that this ordinance authorizes the Department of Parks and Land Use to apply for and accept grant funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Program for Muskellunge stocking in County waterways. This project is completed in partnership with The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Mommaerts to approve Ordinance 178-O-043. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-044 Amend The Town Of Ottawa District Zoning Map Of The Waukesha County Zoning Code For The Town Of Ottawa By Rezoning Certain Lands Located In Part Of The NW ¼ And SW ¼ Of Section 18, T6N, R17E, Town Of Ottawa, From The FLP Farmland Preservation District To The R-1 Residential District (RZ122)

Fruth presented that this ordinance would rezone property located in Section 18 of the Town of Ottawa, from the FLP Farmland Preservation District to the R-1 Residential District in order to divide off a 1.2 acre parcel for a family member to construct a new single family residence.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 178-O-044. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-046 Adopt The Waukesha County Shoreland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule (RZ129)

Fruth presented that this ordinance creates and adopts the violation forfeiture schedule for the recently adopted Waukesha County Shoreland Protection Ordinance that takes effect on October 19, 2023, to provide for enforcement of shoreland zoning provisions.

MOTION: Szpara moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 178-O-046. Motion carried 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-047 Adopt The Waukesha County Floodland Protection Ordinance Violation Forfeiture Schedule (RZ130)

Fruth presented that this ordinance creates and adopts the violation forfeiture schedule for the recently adopted Waukesha County Floodland Protection Ordinance to provide for the administration of floodplain zoning provisions under the new stand-alone floodplain zoning ordinance.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Mommaerts to approve Ordinance 178-O-047. Motion carried 6-0

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Szpara to adjourn at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,
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Chris Mommaerts

Secretary - Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee