

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY PLANNING, RESOURCES,
AGRICULTURE, & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Administration Building
508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan WI
First Floor Conference Room 119

September 2, 2010

Called to Order: 5:32 PM

Adjourned: 7:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jack Van Dixhorn, Supervisor Michael Ogea, Supervisor James Baumgart, Supervisor Al Bosman and Supervisor Adrian Van Dixhorn

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Payne, County Administrator; Scott McMurray, Three Guys and a Grill; Lil Pipping; Fritz Goebel; Jim Whipple, and Shawn Wesener, County Planning & Resources Department; Bernie Rammer, County Purchasing Agent; Michael Vandersteen, County Board Chairperson; Michael Holden, Northern Kettle Moraine Snowmobile Association President; and Barb Pfister, Land and Water Conservation Department

Chairman J. Van Dixhorn called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Shawn Wesener reported the amended meeting notice had been posted August 31, 2010, at 9:30 AM and the meeting was in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Supervisor Ogea moved and Supervisor Bosman seconded to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman J. Van Dixhorn opened the meeting for public input. Adam Payne explained the actions taken by Finance Committee at the Planning and Resources Budget Review Meeting on August 27, 2010. Supervisor Baumgart expressed his concerns about the County Stewardship Program and affects the budget process has on it.

Pat Miles asked for approval of the Draft Resolution (2010/2011) Re: Approving Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Resource Management Guide for Sheboygan County Communities and Executive Summary. **Supervisor Ogea made a motion to approve the Draft Resolution and have it introduced at the September County Board Meeting. Supervisor Bosman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Scott McMurray, Three Guys and a Grill, gave an update on activities, and projects that remain to do at the Marsh Park.

Scott asked who should be responsible for the \$720.32 from the water heater project at the Marsh that went over bid. **Supervisor Ogea made a motion that only \$500.00 should be paid towards the \$720.32 and that the Planning Department should pay. Supervisor Baumgart seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Bernie Rammer, County Purchasing Agent distributed a list of local contractors and prices for bog removal at the Marsh Park. Prices were based on a County owned location for disposal of the bog material. Assistant Director Wesener reported that the location across from the Marsh Park that had been used for disposal in the past was now mapped as approximate floodplain and could not be filled without an engineering study to determine the extent of the floodplain. The Highway Department has been trucking the material to their abandoned gravel pit on CTH MM. The committee discussed other possibilities for the removal of the bogs and questioned if the use an auger would be permissible.

The committee discussed the motion by the Marsh Management Advisory Committee that recommended the exploration of a drawdown guided by input from public hearings. **A motion made by Supervisor Ogea to table the drawdown issue and instruct Shawn Wesener to consult with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as to what laws govern bog removal and report the findings back at the Marsh Management Advisory Committee at the September 14, 2010 meeting and at the next Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension meeting on October 7, 2010. Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Jim Whipple reported on the Parks and Recreation program and distributed pictures of the property at Gerber Lake after the house demolition and pictures of storm damage at the Marsh Park. Demolition of the house at Gerber Lake has been completed and damage from the storm had been taken care of by the Marsh personnel.

Supervisor Baumgart made a motion to reject the agenda item regarding a year-round user fee. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. Discussion followed on the possibility of a year-round user fee. Mike Holden, Northern Kettle Moraine Snowmobile Association President, spoke stating that the snowmobile clubs were not in favor of the year-round user fee. Lil Pipping spoke and said the conservation associations were not in favor of the year-round user fee also. No decisions were made on the implementation of a year-round user fee and this item was tabled by Chairman J. Van Dixhorn for a later date.

Shawn updated the committee on total money received in salvage from the demolition at the Gerber Lake house. The total received from the bricks was \$1,600.00 and for the scrap metal total was \$229.00.

Supervisor Ogea presented a proposal for the existing developed portion of the Gerber Lakes property. Supervisor Ogea envisioned a possible campsite area for usage by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and area schools for outdoor educational purposes. Supervisor Ogea stressed getting youth involved with the project. Lil Pipping said that she liked the proposal of the Gerber Lake property and would like Supervisor Ogea to give the presentation to the area Sheboygan County Conservation Association Clubs.

The Plymouth Ranger snowmobile club contacted Shawn and requested a reroute for the snowmobile trail on the Gerber Lake property due to 3 - 4 bad spots. Shawn had a copy of the map with the new trail marked he mentioned that a Shoreland Permit may have to be obtained and then the club can go ahead with the rerouting of the trail.

Shawn requested committee approval releasing the 2010 County Stewardship Fund Application. **Supervisor Bosman made a motion to approve the release of the application. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ogea. Motion carried.** Supervisor Baumgart encouraged that copies of the applications would be sent to the conservation clubs.

Shawn requested approval of three LTE positions for the Planning and Resources Department. Two would assist with the Non-motorized Transportation Program (NMTTP) and the other is to assist with the Sanitary Program. **A motion to approve the LTE positions was made by Supervisor Bosman and seconded by Supervisor Baumgart. Motion carried.**

Shawn distributed a map showing what municipalities have implemented the rural numbering project and which municipalities have not.

Septic system comparison information was distributed to the committee – for information only.

Shawn mentioned that Muskie's Sportsmen Club is no longer interested in maintaining the boat launch at Elkhart Lake.

The Committee approved the attendance of members and staff at the following meetings: **Supervisor Baumgart moved and Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn seconded to approve the at the Citizen's Advisory Technical Cabinet Committee meeting on September 30, 2010 at Maywood; attendance for Supervisor Bosman at Farm Technology Days, the Sheboygan County Conservation Association meeting on September 16, 2010 at Koenig's Conservation Club; and the Working Lands Workshop on September 9, 2010 at LTC in Cleveland. Motion carried.**

Supervisor Bosman moved and Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn seconded to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried with Supervisor Ogea opposed.

Next meeting of the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee (LWCD and UW-Extension focus) is September 16, 2010 at the UW-Extension, Room 5024 at 5:00 P.M. The next Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee (Planning and Resources focus) meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2010 at the UW-Extension, Room 5024 at 5:00 PM.

Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn moved and Supervisor Ogea seconded to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Barb Pfister
Recording Secretary

Al Bosman
Committee Secretary