

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 June 12, 2012  
 Oneida County Courthouse  
 Second Floor – Committee Room #1  
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501  
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Committee Members	Denny Thompson, Chairman	Sonny Paszak
Paul Dean	Michael Timmons	James Intrepidi

**Call to Order.**

Thompson called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 10:00 a.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All committee members were present. Staff members present were Romportl and Franson. Ed Chowinski also attended the meeting.

**Approve Agenda/Minutes.**

Motion/Dean/Paszak approving today's Land Records Committee agenda. All ayes.

Motion/Timmons/Intrepidi approving the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting. All ayes.

**Staff member's attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.**

Romportl reported on the Wisconsin Land Information Meeting he attended in Minocqua noting that Lidar (elevation data), data access and future land information program fees were discussed.

**Request by Northwoods Nordic Ski Club for use of property in Sections 10, 14 & 15, T36N, R8E.**

Romportl gave the committee a map showing the area where the proposed ski trails would be crossing County land. The county property is east of the golf course and South of Lakeshore where the green industrial park is intended to go. The high school has an agreement with the golf course to run ski trails on the golf course property and they would like to expand their trails onto our property. They would go down an existing trail that would need brushing and clearing. They have been awarded the state cross country meet next year and would also like to use this trail as a warmup and practice range. Romportl talked with Desmond and he recommended that if the committee is in agreement with this proposal, he would draft an agreement with the Nordic Club. Part of the agreement would require they have insurance to cover liability and be responsible for the maintenance of the trail.

Motion/Paszak/Intrepidi directing Desmond and Romportl to work up an agreement with the Nordic Ski Club and have appropriate officials sign it. All ayes.

**Participation in statewide integration of county mapping data.**

Romportl informed the committee that counties throughout the state that are involved with the Wisconsin Land Information Program are compiling their data sets which are the most accurate and current data that is out there. We have sold our data to private companies but when it comes to state agencies, municipalities and towns we have an agreement that we would provide the data at no cost in exchange for data we need. They are trying to create a central repository where this information could be provided for public entities.

Motion/Dean/Timmons to participate in the distribution of our data for a statewide data set. All ayes.

**Chapter 18 County Real Estate Transactions and ordinance amendments.**

Ed Chowinski was in attendance and expressed his concern for the un-identified excess County right-of way strips and the problems he encounters when they are discovered. He said that many of these properties are not shown on the GIS mapping and may not even be called for in the landowners current deed. The landowner is usually not aware of these strips until they try mortgaging their property or selling it and it becomes a problem thereby causing time delays. Ed indicated that title companies and surveyors have also expressed this concern. Romportl explained the background of these strips and how the county retained them from tax delinquent lands they sold 60 -70 years ago. The county did not keep track of where they were located. The committee discussed various issues concerning the strips and cost associated with selling them. The committee recommended that Romportl work with Desmond to come up with some options to consider for Chapter 18 ordinance language changes to help streamline the process and address the cost to obtain these strips.

Motion/Paszak/Dean directing Desmond and Romportl to address the process, cost and other issues concerning excess County right-of-way strips and bring back to the committee with various proposals for consideration. All ayes.

Romportl also would like direction from the committee to revisit Chapter 18. The city or towns may have raze orders or special charges on properties that we foreclose on and it cost the county money since the property usually cannot be sold for what the county has against the property. Romportl also discussed environmental conditions of properties, requests by municipalities for the properties, the listing price and some other concerns with Chapter 18.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak directing Desmond and Romportl to revisit Chapter 18 County Real Estate Transactions addressing the raze orders, the properties that have environmental concerns, properties that are given to municipalities and other related issues when disposing of properties and bring back to committee for consideration. All ayes.

**Appointments to Land Council and schedule annual meeting with Land Records Committee.**

Romportl informed the committee that the Land Council consists of the register of deeds, the treasurer, the real property lister, a member of the County Board, a representative of the land information office, a realtor, an emergency communications representative and a registered professional land surveyor.

Romportl reviewed the duties of the Land Council and they meet once a year at a joint meeting with the Land Records Committee. The tentative date was set for the next Land Records Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Status of former WPS building (111 E. Davenport St.) and Department on Aging Building (1103 Thayer St).**

Romportl said that there has not been any current activity on the WPS building.

The prospective buyer of the Department on Aging Building will be submitting a rezone on the property at the July City Council Meeting.

**It is anticipated that the committee may go into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (111 E. Davenport St. & 1103 Thayer St.).**

Motion/Timmons/Paszak to go into closed session. On roll call vote: Timmons, aye; Intrepidi, aye, Thompson, aye; Dean, aye and Paszak, aye. Motion passes with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The committee entered into closed session.

Motion/Dean/Paszak to return to open session. On roll call vote: Timmons, aye; Intrepidi, aye, Thompson, aye; Dean, aye and Paszak, aye. Motion passes with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The committee returned to open session.

**Review/Act on monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, budget surveys/report and non-budgetary item requests: a. Register of Deeds b. Land Information**

Motion/Dean/Intrepidi to approve the Register of Deeds bills as presented. All ayes.

Motion/Timmons/Dean to approve the Land Information Office bills as presented. All ayes.

Romportl reported that he is working on locating county owned properties that are not county forest, county highway or excess right-of-way strips. He will compile a list and then make recommendations for disposal of those properties in future land sales.

**Public Comment/Communications.**

No public comments were made.

**Discuss/Act on date of next meeting and items for agenda.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion/Dean/Intrepidi to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. All ayes.