

LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 9:00 AM****Room 118, Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tim Kaul called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Land Preservation Board members present included: Chairman Tim Kaul, Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Rothstein, Supervisor Bill Niehaus, Frank Madden, Kine Torinus, Mike Paulus, James Melichar, Alternate Paul Hayes, and Alternate Marjie Tomter. Staff present included: County Administrator Tom Meaux, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator Nicole Sidoff, Planning and Parks Department Director Andrew Struck, and Planning and Parks Department Intern Laura Catherman. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWPRC) staff present included Principal Planner Dave Schilling.

2. ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED

Chairman Kaul asked staff if the meeting had been properly noticed and the agenda had been posted. Nicole Sidoff noted that the meeting was properly noticed and the agenda posted.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by James Melichar and seconded by Mike Paulus to adopt the agenda as printed. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (DECEMBER 2, 2010)

Motion by Frank Madden and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Rothstein to approve the minutes for the December 2, 2010 meeting of the Land Preservation Board as written. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments or written communications.

6. REVIEW OF REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5 OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY

Andrew Struck stated that revisions to Chapter 5 of the Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) for Ozaukee County are shown in track changes. Mr. Schilling explained that most of the revisions are fairly short. Language about existing and future demands from people living outside Ozaukee County has been added to page 3. A note stating that the standards used should be considered minimum standards has been added to page 4. Data relating to picnic tables and additional swimming beaches has been added to page 6. Katherine Kearny Carpenter Park has been added as another existing dog park on page 9. Additionally, sections for winter sports and horse back riding have been added to page 10 along with language about hunting and fishing areas in the County.

Supervisor Bill Niehaus joined the meeting at 9:09 am.

Mr. Schilling noted that language about water quality protection and floodways has been added to page 11. Chairman Kaul asked if language explaining that standards do not exist for all amenities, such as hunting and fishing, should be added to the POSP. Mr. Schilling stated that the beginning of the "Other Recreational Needs" section addresses other needs and activities that may not have been accounted for in the standards. Mr. Struck stated that language could be added to further clarify that these activities are not addressed by standards. Mr. Schilling agreed. Kine Torinus commented on the last paragraph on page 11 and suggested that prime agricultural lands could be recognized as water recharge areas. Mr. Schilling noted that some prime agricultural lands have that potential. Mr. Struck noted that the County has a groundwater recharge area map that staff could overlay on the prime agricultural lands map. Mr. Schilling stated that the map could be added as an appendix.

Frank Madden noted that section 6 on page 13 seems out of place since recreation needs without standards are already mentioned in the chapter. Ms. Sidoff explained that it is meant as a summary. Mr. Madden asked if the wording could be changed to "we have taken into consideration." Mr. Struck suggested changing the wording to "have not been taken into consideration prior to the POSP." Vice-Chairperson Rothstein asked if "taking into consideration" meant that standards would be applied. Mr.

Struck stated that it does not mean standards would be applied. Mr. Struck noted that staff will work on the language of section 6. Chairman Kaul asked if any formal action needed to be taken. Mr. Struck explained that the Land Preservation Board (LPB) already took action on the amendments to Chapter 5 at the last meeting and the Comprehensive Planning Board (CPB) also took action at their last meeting. There was no further discussion or action on the Chapter.

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY FOR THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

Chairman Kaul noted that many corrections already exist in track changes in the Countywide Public Opinion Survey report. Mr. Struck explained that the corrections are suggestions by staff. Staff is still working with UW-River Falls (UWRF) on making corrections. Staff will convey any changes made by the LPB and CPB to UWRF and provide a revised version when available. Chairman Kaul asked if the LPB was supposed to analyze the findings. Mr. Struck stated that UWRF has analyzed the findings. Corrections will likely be made to the language and phrasing, so that it is better understood. Staff is looking for any additional comments that the LPB may have on the report. Chairman Kaul asked if the LPB needs to take action. Mr. Struck stated that the LPB could conditionally approve the Countywide Public Opinion Survey report. The results of the Countywide Public Opinion Survey cannot be changed. Mr. Madden asked how the Countywide Public Opinion Survey report will be used by the County Board. Chairman Kaul stated that it will be up to the County Board in terms of using the Countywide Public Opinion Survey report to make plan recommendations. Mr. Struck explained that the Countywide Public Opinion Survey report will be one of a several public input items that will be incorporated into the POSP.

Mr. Madden noted that it seems obvious residents are not interested in raising taxes or using taxpayer dollars for preservation programs. The LPB could focus on the POSP to see what could be done for the least amount of dollars or what could be done without any dollars. Mr. Struck stated that many residents support using funding from state and federal grants and private donations. Residents seem to support those aspects of funding the most. Pursuing policy changes that require no additional funding may be one option. Ms. Torinus stated that the POSP will not change if the "no additional funding" option is incorporated. Priorities are included based on funding. If funding is not available, the County will not pursue those items. The LPB's role is to plan so there is something in place if or when the funding becomes available. Mr. Madden clarified that including the "no additional funding" option would help to maximize and reallocate the resources the County currently has. Mr. Madden asked if the County will be moving towards a fee based structure. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein stated that moving to a fee based structure, particularly at Tendick Nature Park, has been brought up at the Public Works Committee. The fee based structure plan was voted down in the past. The goal was to have something similar to a voluntary lock box which would not cost much to install. It could be an additional source of revenue for the County Park System. Ms. Torinus noted that many trails in the northern part of Wisconsin have used a similar fee based structure. People are willing to pay and understand that it costs money to maintain these trails. Mr. Struck stated that the fee based recommendation could be included in Chapter 6. Paul Hayes stated that the LPB should create a plan that the Countywide Public Opinion Survey informs, but is not defined by it.

Chairman Kaul noted that on Chart 4, people who voted "no" may have needed more information. If people know more, they may be more willing to show support. James Melichar noted that the divide between those who favor and oppose property tax increases for farmland preservation easements is very close and he was surprised by how close. Mr. Hayes stated that if people are asked if they support raising taxes, the answer will be no. If you ask people if they want a park, the answer will be yes. Mr. Struck explained that in many cases there were people who marked need more information; essentially not respond to certain questions. Staff will be discussing with UWRF a revision to the language to reflect that. Mr. Paulus asked if staff knows how many people responded to each question. Mr. Struck stated that response totals are provided in the report. Staff will also be discussing the possibility of adding a section to the charts reflecting the percentage of people who needed more information or did not have an opinion to the question. Chairman Kaul noted that the overall response to the Countywide Public Opinion

Survey was very good. Mr. Struck stated that UWRF received more than what was needed for a statistically significant survey. Mr. Schilling noted that the overall response rate was 37%. Ms. Torinus mentioned that more women than men required additional information before offering an opinion. Mr. Struck explained that UWRF included information on how well the County's demographics matched the survey demographics and if that could have influenced responses. Mr. Madden asked if the Countywide Public Opinion Survey was mailed to households. Ms. Sidoff explained that the Countywide Public Opinion Survey was mailed to households and that the instructions asked the person with the most recent birthday to respond in an effort to randomize the responses. Mr. Struck noted that the overall results had a good geographic representation of the County. Ms. Sidoff stated that UWRF looked into the farming demographics and it did match the demographics of the County. Although UWRF cannot state that the results are representative of the farming community, the results are statistically significant for the survey purposes. Ms. Torinus noted that based on some of the written responses, there appears to be an opportunity for education. Mr. Struck explained the UWRF mentions educational opportunities in the text, since so many people did not respond or answered "need more information." Ms. Torinus noted that many urban respondents did not care about farmland, which could be another opportunity for education. Mr. Melichar stated that his family will be hosting "Breakfast on the Farm" on June 25, 2011. This would be a good topic to present as an educational opportunity. Mr. Madden complimented Andrew Struck and his staff for receiving the grant, which covered the cost of the Countywide Public Opinion Survey.

Motion by Frank Madden and seconded by Kine Torinus to conditionally approve the Countywide Public Opinion Survey for the Park and Open Space Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan pending final edits and track changes with UW-River Falls. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHAPTER 4 OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY

Mr. Struck noted that the Countywide Public Opinion Survey will be included as an appendix to Chapter 4. Mr. Schilling stated that there has been an emphasis on getting public participation in planning efforts and that theme is carried through each of the main actions that were taken by staff to gather input. Page 2 provides a brief description of the survey, since the full Countywide Public Opinion Survey report will be included as an appendix. County staff also conducted a park user survey in summer 2010 and a short summary of the results and accompanying charts are provided in Chapter 4. Mr. Struck stated that the park user survey questions used should be added to the chapter appendix. Mr. Schilling agreed. In addition to the survey, summaries from public visioning sessions held in April 2010 and corresponding figures have been included in Chapter 4.

Ms. Torinus left the meeting at 9:50 am.

Mr. Schilling explained that summaries of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analyses performed with LPB, CPB, and the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council (OITAC) are included in Chapter 4. Figures showing the results are included in the appendix.

Ms. Torinus returned to the meeting at 9:51 am.

Mr. Schilling noted that threats brought up during the SWOT analysis included a lack of funding and diminishing funds and staff time. Ms. Sidoff has also received various comments that are not included in this section that she is hoping include as part of the appendix. Ms. Torinus asked if the language in the comments section is taken verbatim. Mr. Schilling confirmed that the language used is verbatim. Mr. Struck explained that the Chart IV-1 in the appendix is borrowed from *A Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*. The chart is intended to explain different levels of public involvement and the methodology used for various levels. Staff used the chart to select the appropriate tools for obtaining public participation. Chairman Kaul asked Mr. Schilling if the level of public participation achieved for the POSP is average. Mr. Schilling stated that the level of public participation achieved is higher than

average. No specific statutory requirements exist for the development of the Park and Open Space Plan in terms of public involvement, unlike the Comprehensive Plan. A place holder exists in Chapter 6 for final public involvement such as public hearings. Chairman Kaul asked if a sentence stating "every effort was made to get the public involved" could be added to the plan. It is likely not necessary, but it would be nice to include as a disclaimer. Mr. Schilling explained that a laundry list of items is included, but additional language could be added. A lead in sentence stating "in addition to efforts to get public comment" could be added.

Mr. Paulus left the meeting at 9:58 am.

Ms. Torinus noted that the public participation efforts that staff conducted are very impressive. The POSP reflects what the people want. Mr. Struck noted that a summary document of comments received by Ms. Sidoff will be added as an appendix. Ms. Torinus asked if a thank you to all the citizens who have participated should be added. Ms. Sidoff noted that the number of people that provided input could be included. Nearly 1,000 people have participated. Mr. Madden stated that staff could put together a press release on the POSP. Mr. Struck stated that a press release is a good idea. Chairman Kaul noted that there will still be upcoming public informational meetings and a public hearing. Mr. Struck noted that the number of people involved will likely increase. It was noted that this high level of public participation was not achieved in the previous POSP. Mr. Hayes noted that the parks surveys' charts show that many older people are repeatedly using the parks. Chairman Kaul added that some people are extremely satisfied with the parks they are visiting, but they are not visiting other parks. This may be an opportunity to educate the public on the other parks. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein noted that Marjie Tomter is aiming to do that with Treasures of Oz. Mr. Struck stated that staff is using the new parks brochures as a public education tool as well. Mr. Madden asked what the plan for moving forward with this information includes. Mr. Struck explained that Chapter 6 will address the plan recommendations. Mr. Schilling noted that the park user survey questions will be added to the appendix. Also, a section will be added to the top of page 6 noting other public input and the list will be included in the appendix. Tom Meaux asked Mr. Struck if staff would be addressing the concern raised by Public Works Committee (PWC) members about dog parks. Mr. Struck stated that it will be addressed as part of the discussion on Chapter 6.

Motion by Kine Torinus and seconded by Frank Madden to approve Chapter 4 of the Park and Open Space Plan as amended. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHAPTER 6 OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY

Mr. Struck explained that staff also took the recommendation table, which LPB reviewed at its last meeting, to CPB and PWC for review. The Public Works Committee has been involved in park development over the last several years. One recommendation that PWC felt very strongly about was regarding the recommendation for a dog park at Mee-Kwon County Park. The PWC would like to see it eliminated from Mee-Kwon County Park recommendation and is unsure if the County should be involved with dog parks. Mr. Madden asked if the County would not provide dog parks for political reasons and if it should be left to municipalities. Mr. Struck noted that a dog park at Mee-Kwon County Park is not supported by the neighbors. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein stated that she had served on the Public Works Committee at that time. Many people who opposed the dog park use the designated land for their own use in walking dogs. The neighbors did not want it to be for public use. The land is County owned, part of the park and is underutilized. It is a small group of locals who are really against it, but PWC should not take it off the plan. Ms. Torinus agreed, but asked if dog parks should be the responsibility of municipalities. Mr. Struck stated that it is a mix across the board of other counties. Milwaukee County has added three dog parks in the last five years. Many other counties also have dog parks in their park systems (e.g. Dane County). Municipal dog parks are typically smaller than county owned dog parks. A big issue with Mee-Kwon County Park at the time involved enclosing the area with a fence. Ms. Torinus noted that the City of West Bend just allowed a dog park. A citizens group raised the funds and no public money was used at all. Mr. Struck stated that it is similar to Muttland Meadows in Grafton. He also

noted; however, that the County was offered a significant donation to develop the entire dog park at Mee-Kwon County Park and decided to turn it down. Mr. Hayes asked if Muttland Meadows was free to use. Mr. Struck stated that it is free, but donations are encouraged. Mr. Schilling stated that a friends group does the maintenance. Chairman Kaul mentioned that on page 11 the dog park is a recommendation. Mr. Struck explained that the chapters were printed before PWC commented; however, the CPB would be addressing all the Committee comments.

Mr. Schilling explained that the chapter is divided into one section for open space and one section for parks and recreation. Table VI-1 shows a summary of existing and proposed public/nonprofit ownership and the cost of acquisition. Ozaukee County is the only county in southeastern Wisconsin where the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has identified land for waterfowl habitat. Mr. Struck noted that USFWS uses duck stamp money. All of the County's federal land is for waterfowl production areas. USFWS has established project areas to use that duck stamp money. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein asked why the other coastal counties in Southeastern Wisconsin were not included. Mr. Schilling explained that not much undeveloped coastal land is left in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein noted that the County Board needs to be aware of that. It is not too late to preserve land in Ozaukee County. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein asked if Sheboygan had any areas. Mr. Schilling explained that Sheboygan County is not included in SEWRPC's region.

Mr. Schilling stated the remainder of land, not proposed for some form of acquisition / easement, to be protected could be done through protective zoning and land use regulation. Ms. Torinus stated that a problem could arise since *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* must be consistent with the municipalities' plans. Mr. Struck explained that a most of the land Mr. Schilling is referring to is protected by shoreland wetland zoning, which is the County has jurisdiction over through State Statute. Mr. Hayes stated that zoning is weak because it can be changed, but that it is still an effective tool when nothing else is available. Mr. Struck noted that there is currently not much protective zoning in the upland areas. Mr. Hayes stated that drawing on a land use map is a form of zoning. Publication of the plan will provide a way for public discussion to occur.

Mr. Schilling stated that recommendations for environmental corridors are consistent with *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*. Flexible language has been added noting that even if an area was not recommended for acquisition or easements, as opportunities arise, the areas can be considered and this is consistent with the plan. Adjustments to recommendations of the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan* have been added to page 7. Ms. Torinus asked if there was a benefit to explain major changes in critical habitat in this chapter. Mr. Schilling explained that it has been included in the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan*. Mr. Struck stated that the change from the first inventory in 1997 to the current update is fairly minimal. Mr. Schilling noted that Map VI-3 coordinates with Table VI-2. Geological issues have not changed much since the original plan; however, there was not a new inventory conducted. Ozaukee County project areas identified on Map VI-1 are mentioned on page 8. The only other proposed County park and recreation land acquisitions are the Edgewater Subdivision properties located in the floodway. Ms. Torinus suggested adding the Milwaukee River Watershed as another project area. Mr. Schilling explained that only specific focus areas were included.

Mr. Paulus returned to the meeting at 10:41 am.

Mr. Struck noted that watershed areas could be mentioned in the chapter, but probably not mapped as it would include a significant overlap. Ms. Torinus stated the Milwaukee River Watershed is a huge focus area for the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT) and part of the OWLT's funding. Mr. Struck stated that broad project areas include the Lake Michigan Flyaway and the Milwaukee River Watershed. Mr. Schilling noted that under the "Prime Agricultural Land Plan Component", the area still needs to be refined. Tom Meaux stated that the maps look excellent, but that it is hard to distinguish a primary

corridor from a municipal boundary. Mr. Struck stated that color could be added for municipal boundaries or the line weights could be adjusted. Mr. Schilling stated that the maps could be revised.

Mr. Schilling noted that in the "Recommended Park and Outdoor Recreation Element", Mee-Kwon County Park still shows a dog park as a recommendation. He noted that Kenosha County has a number of dog parks that are hugely popular with residents. It was noted that the potential for a dog park as part of this plan should remain. One option would be to take it out from a specific park and make a general recommendation. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein noted that the neighbors who previously opposed the dog park at Mee-Kwon County Park would likely oppose anything at that site. Mr. Struck noted that the same thing happened when a driving range was proposed at that site. There are trails at that site that people still use. Ms. Torinus asked if that County would need to develop the land if it were to become a dog park. Mr. Struck explained that the site is mostly grassland and there are existing trails, so it would not require significant development other than fencing and a potential parking lot. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein noted that the POSP is a long range plan. The recommendation should not be removed just because a small group of people do not want it there. Chairman Kaul stated that the POSP is just recommending it should go at that overall site. Ms. Torinus agreed that it should not be taken out of the POSP. Mr. Madden noted that there is a need in the County for a dog park. Mr. Melichar noted that there is likely a higher need at Mee-Kwon County Park than in the northern part of the County. If it is not in the POSP now, there will not be protection for it later. Mr. Schilling pointed out that Mee-Kwon County Park and Hawthorne Hills County Park are both part of the County project areas. Mee-Kwon County Park is currently a 244-acre park. Any adjacent land acquisitions would still be considered part of Mee-Kwon County Park. The dog park may end up being located in a different part of the park. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein asked Tom Meaux how the LPB should deal with this issue. Mr. Meaux stated that he agrees that this is just a plan, but that he also understands where the PWC members are coming from. PWC members are elected and not an advisory committee. This is an identified need, but we have no identified locations at the moment. Mr. Schilling stated that it could just be a general recommendation. Supervisor Niehaus noted that it could be a good option because it would not be limiting. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein noted that the need is greater in the southern part of the County and asked if a broad recommendation could negatively affect future planning for Mee-Kwon County Park. Mr. Struck stated that it would not affect future planning. Ms. Torinus stated that County Board members change over time, so PWC members may change over time. Ms. Torinus asked Tom Meaux if it is a problem for LPB to recommend the dog park. Mr. Meaux stated that there is no right or wrong answer, but pointed out that it will likely be a sore point if left the way it is currently at Mee-Kwon Park. Mr. Melichar asked who is on PWC. Mr. Meaux explained that there are five County Board members on PWC. Chairman Kaul noted that if the County Board takes issue with it, the POSP could end up getting voted down. The recommendation should be changed to a general recommendation without a specific location. Mr. Schilling added that the dog park could be developed at an existing County Park or at a new site. Mr. Meaux noted that by creating a separate item for the dog park it raises its profile. Mr. Schilling noted that the change will be made.

Ms. Torinus asked about additional paved parking at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve. Mr. Struck explained that there was an original allowance, but the County made a smaller parking area to begin with to see the level of attendance. Visitors are creating ruts in the shoulders from parking along the park road which causes damage and drainage issues. Also, emergency vehicle access needs to be maintained. Additional parking would be handled with great care. The permeable parking has been getting torn up in the spring and fall. Ms. Torinus asked if a runoff pond was being considered. Mr. Struck stated that it was not necessary given the site context. The original plan for Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve was scaled back from what was initially proposed for parking.

Chairman Kaul asked if recommendations came from SEWRPC. Mr. Struck explained that recommendations came from public involvement, inventory, the capital improvement plan and previous adopted plans. Chairman Kaul asked how the percentages for more natural areas came to be. Mr. Struck stated that the data comes from the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat*

Protection and Management Plan which has been adopted by the County Board. Chairman Kaul asked where the recommendations to add to existing parks came from. Mr. Struck stated that the recommendations came from the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan, A Multi-Jurisdiction Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*, and public input. The recommendations don't exclude other new opportunities that arise. Chairman Kaul noted that the County may have to come up with creative measure for funding. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein left the meeting at 11:25 am.

Mr. Struck stated that staff received additional comments on the "Areawide Recreation Trails" section. The Ozaukee County snowmobile clubs would like an inventory of snowmobile trails included in Chapter 2 of the POSP. The County manages the WDNR grants for snowmobile trails. The clubs would also like to see a recommendation that the County would continue to support the clubs. Mr. Schilling noted that snowmobile trails are not mentioned until Chapter 5. It may be best to include that information in Chapter 5. Mr. Struck agreed and asked for the recommendation to be added to Chapter 6. Mr. Schilling stated that a paragraph could be added to Chapter 6. The Board agreed. Mr. Hayes noted that he Cedar Creek Water Trail stops short in Ozaukee County. Jackson Marsh should also be included. Mr. Schilling noted that the water trail requirement was that the trail must be at least 50 feet wide. Cedar Creek Water Trail can be extended to the County line.

Vice-Chairperson Rothstein returned to the meeting at 11:28 am.

Mr. Hayes noted that in the issues to consider before removing dams in the "Dams" section, "historic or aesthetic" value should be added.

Supervisor Niehaus left the meeting at 11:32 am.

Mr. Schilling noted that the Recreational Trails Map is not finalized. A back reference to the *Regional Transportation Plan* is included.

Supervisor Niehaus returned to the meeting at 11:34 am.

Mr. Schilling stated that local bikeway plans have been completed for the Village Saukville, Town of Saukville, and Village of Belgium. They could be added to the POSP. Mr. Struck stated that staff will also come up with language for PWC's recommendation for programmatic marketing efforts. Ms. Torinus stated that land acquisition should be a huge priority and asked if staff has a systematic plan for land owner cultivation, education about properties surrounding critical areas, or the advantages of working with a nonprofit organization. Mr. Struck stated that it could go along with the programmatic recommendations. Staff will revisit that once the POSP is in place. It has been a staff effort in the past. Mr. Schilling noted that Andy Holschbach has made an effort in the past to contact land owners. Mr. Schilling mentioned that POSP assumes fee simple acquisition, but recognizes that it does not have to be done that way. The cost breakdown included in the plan comes down to \$8.90 per person per year. Projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) are given priority in the POSP. Ms. Torinus left the meeting at 11:42 am.

Chairman Kaul noted that a recommendation to extend the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) Greenseams Program on a watershed basis instead of sewer service area basis could be added.

Ms. Torinus returned to the meeting at 11:44 am.

Mr. Schilling noted that he would contact MMSD. Mr. Struck stated that staff has some additional "friends groups" to add to the list. Development of a friends group for the County Park System has been received as public comment and staff has already begun discussions on this effort. Recommendation to work

towards creating a "Friends of the Ozaukee County Park System" group should be added. Mr. Paulus asked what "reasonable accommodations" means for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) recommendations. Mr. Struck stated that it means access must be provided except under extraordinary circumstances. For example, the stairs down to Lake Michigan at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve were an exception. The negotiating agreement was that the County would provide access to the bluff from a handicapped accessible trail. Mr. Paulus asked who decides what constitutes an exception. Mr. Struck explained that the federal government decides on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Hayes noted that the dog park at Mee-Kwon County Park was still included in Table 4. Mr. Schilling noted that the money allotted for the dog park will come off that part of the table and will be added as a separate item. The cost assumes that the park will be developed on County owned land. Chairman Kaul complimented Mr. Schilling on compiling the information for the POSP.

Marjie Tomter joined the meeting at 11:55 am.

Mr. Hayes asked if this was the last chapter in the POSP. Mr. Schilling stated that there will be a summary chapter. Chapter 6 still needs to go to CPB and public information meetings and hearings before coming back to LPB with revisions in April.

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Rothstein and seconded by Supervisor Bill Niehaus to accept Chapter 6 of the Park and Open Space Plan as amended. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kaul excused himself from the meeting and asked Vice-Chairperson Rothstein to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Niehaus left the meeting at 11:57 am.

10. UPDATE ON THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HORSE AND RIDER SURVEY

Ms. Sidoff stated that staff has been working with Marjie Tomter and Dan O'Neil on the Ozaukee County Horse and Rider Survey. The survey is being conducted through the website Survey Monkey. To date, 107 people have responded to the survey. The survey was sent to residents in 4-H and posted to the Treasures of Oz Facebook page and webpage. It was also mailed to stable owners. Mr. Struck noted that the results will not be done in time for inclusion in the POSP, but it will be noted in the POSP.

Chairman Kaul and Mr. Melichar left the meeting at 11:59 am.

Ms. Sidoff stated that staff hopes to include the survey in the Farmland Preservation Plan.

11. UPDATE ON THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Struck stated that nearly 100% of the Farmland Preservation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (FPP CAC) members attended the first meeting. The FPP CAC will meet monthly for the rest of the year. The FPP CAC seems like a great group of individuals and is very attentive. Ms. Sidoff noted that staff received positive feedback from FPP CAC members after the meeting. Mr. Madden asked if the FPP CAC meetings occurred on a set day and time. Ms. Sidoff stated that in most cases, FPP CAC meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the County Administration Center Auditorium. Ms. Sidoff will email the FPP CAC meeting schedule to LPB members. Mr. Struck noted that once the FPP CAC has elected a chairman, hopefully that person will be able to periodically attend LPB meetings and provide updates to the LPB.

12. UPDATE ON WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PROGRAMS

Mr. Struck noted that a few handouts were included in the LPB packet as a general reminder. The handouts cover the overall organizational framework, iterative feedback loop, and sample farmland preservation areas.

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13. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE TOWN OF DUNN TOUR

Ms. Tomter stated that Mike Carlson with Gathering Waters is still working off of a grant to do farmland preservation education. Money exists to put together a tour and meet with people who have preserved land in the Town of Dunn. The bus tour would likely take place at the end of March or the beginning of April. The tour is open to LPB members. Vice-Chairperson Rothstein asked if the goal was to visit farms that had participated in a purchase of development rights program. Ms. Tomter confirmed that it is the goal. The Town of Dunn has been very successful in their preservation efforts. Ms. Tomter asked the LPB to let her know who would be interested in attending. Three LPB members expressed initial interest. Ms. Tomter noted that she would likely contact LPB members via email given the short timeline.

14. LAND PRESERVATION NEWS/EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Ms. Sidoff noted that a several relevant articles are included in the LPB packet. Mr. Struck noted that some of the towns are still getting used to dealing with conversion fees. Legislation exists right now to possibly do away with the land conversion fee as it is currently set up. Ms. Sidoff noted that tomorrow's First Friday Forum is on Ozaukee County's Park and Open Space Plan. Staff is also putting on public DVD premieres of *A Comprehensive plan for Ozaukee County: Enhancing the Quality of Life*. Two premieres are scheduled for Weyenberg Library on Wednesday, February 16. Staff would appreciate help promoting the premieres. Mr. Struck noted that staff hopes LPB members can attend the First Friday Forum.

15. 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE – NEXT MEETING DATE – THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

Vice-Chairperson Rothstein indicated that the next meeting date will be Thursday, April 14, 2011.

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Paulus and seconded by Frank Madden to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Andrew Struck, Nicole Sidoff and Laura Catherman.