



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 2, 2026

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was held in room A-200 at the Administration Center.

Present	Supervisor Rob Holyoke, Supervisor Tony Matera, Supervisor Kurt Schoessow, Supervisor Todd Ambs
Absent	Supervisor Daniel Vogel
Excused	None

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Sanitation & Zoning Coordinator Pfister, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Register of Deeds Laurin, Community Development Educator Roback, Deputy Clerk Hoff

Others present: Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press, Chris Roghan, Mark Clegg and Nick Offerman - North Shore Mountain Bike Club, Craig Ruhland - Metro Mountain Bikers, Christina Luick - News Graphic, Alayna Hansen, Louis and Ashley Densow

2. Proper Notice

Chairperson Holyoke called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. Public Comments, Correspondence, Communications

Mr. Roghan, an Ozaukee County resident, addressed the committee about the signage at Lion's Den Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve.

4. Approval of Minutes

June 4, 2026

Motion:	Motion to approve the June 4, 2026 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. University Extension Office

- a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Mr. Roback shared an overview of the department's monthly reports, highlighting the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory and the positive feedback received from the Real Colors workshop.

6. Register of Deeds/Land Information

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Supervisor Matera acknowledged the Register of Deeds Department for their quick work in preparing a report for a constituent.

7. Land and Water Management Department

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

There were no questions.

8. Planning and Parks Department

a. Action Items

1. Minor Land Division - LOUIS R DENSOW and JANET DENSOW, owners and applicants, 3891 and 3901 ECHO LANE, SAUKVILLE, WI 53080, are requesting land division approval for a minor land division by Certified Survey Map (CSM) in accord with Section 19.1900 (Land Division Review) of the County Shoreland Protection Ordinance to create a division of land in the shoreland area, which results in a “minor land division”. The property is located at 3901 Echo Lane, Town of Saukville, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, being a division of part of the South ½ of the Northeast ¼ and part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 21 East, in the Town of Saukville, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. Parcel Number(s): 080150300000 & 080151300200. Total Acreage to be Divided: approximately +/- 106.15 acres.

Mr. Struck reviewed the minor land division findings and staff report. The Planning and Parks Department has no objections to the land division and recommends approval of the Certified Survey Map with conditions and corrections outlined in the Staff Report.

Motion:	Motion to approve the minor land division for Parcel Numbers 080150300000 and 080151300200 in the Town of Saukville with the conditions in the Staff Report dated July 2, 2026.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambbs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. Hawthorne Hills Golf Course Clubhouse Walk-In Cooler Repair

Motion:	Motion to accept the quote from Akrit Inc. for a not to exceed sum of \$13,481, which includes a 15% contingency to cover any potential change orders, for the Hawthorne Hills Golf Course clubhouse walk-in cooler replacement for the Planning and Parks Department – Golf Division.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambbs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. Golf Course Division Equipment Purchase Per 2026 Budget – Robotic Fairway/Rough Mowers

Discussion on the purchase of these robotic mowers, including necessary maintenance.

Motion:	Motion to approve the purchase of robotic mowers per Quote #2558 from Automated Outdoor Solutions LLC, at a total cost of \$405,235, which includes a 5% contingency for the Planning and Parks Department - Golf Division per the 2026 budget.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. Parks Division – Waubedonia County Park Lift Station Grinder Pump Replacement

Motion:	Motion to accept the quote from Harbor City Plumbing for a not to exceed sum of \$18,688, which includes a 15% contingency to cover any change order items or fees, for the Waubedonia County Park lift station grinder pump replacement for the Planning and Parks Department – Parks Division.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Todd Ambs
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Change Order for Professional Services for Ozaukee Interurban Trail Repaving and Realignment

Motion:	Motion to approve negotiation and signing of a professional services contract change order, contingent upon contract terms satisfactory to the Planning and Parks Department and Corporation Counsel, with raSmith for a not to exceed sum of \$25,760, which includes an approximate 15% contingency to cover any additional items, for professional services for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail repaving and realignment in the Village of Belgium as part of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Resurfacing and Reshouldering Project.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Resolution: Approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Fredonia for the Transfer, Remediation, and Public Park and Open Space Use of Parcels 04-028-12-010.00 and 04-028-12-012.00 in the Town of Fredonia to Ozaukee County (Planning and Parks Department).

Discussion on the purpose of this resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Matera, seconded by Supervisor Ambs to approve the resolution for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Fredonia for the transfer, remediation, and public park and open space use of parcels 04-028-12-010.00 and 04-028-12-012.00 in the Town of Fredonia as an addition to the Ozaukee County Park System. This Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding is contingent upon

negotiation of terms satisfactory to the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and Corporation Counsel.

Discussion on Ozaukee County's \$20,000 contribution to the acquisition.

Motion:	Motion made by Supervisor Matera, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to amend the approval of the resolution by removing the additional \$20,000 contribution by Ozaukee County on the support document as follows: Indicate source: WEDC Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (\$142,800) and Ozaukee County Capital Fund Project Grant (\$40,000), and Ozaukee County contribution to the acquisition (\$20,000) . This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Todd Ambs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

7. Resolution: Acceptance of Title to Properties Located in the Town of Fredonia (Parcel 04-028-12-010.00 and Parcel ID 04-028-12-012.00) for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes.

Discussion regarding the acquisition of land for parks and whether the county has the financial resources to proceed, potentially transforming land into a kayak launch.

Motion:	Motion to approve the acceptance of the title to the properties located in the Town of Fredonia (Parcel 04-028-12-010.00 and Parcel ID 04-028-12-012.00) for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Todd Ambs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

1. Update on Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division Projects

Mr. Struck reviewed upcoming projects and grant activities. He highlighted the upcoming Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day event on August 8 and the Healing Our Waters Park Association tour on July 17. He also shared an award recognizing his work at Tendick Park. Additionally, he provided an update on the ongoing restoration efforts at the Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve.

2. Signage at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve

The Planning and Parks Department is in the process of developing permanent signage for Lions Den, as well as for Virmond Park and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve. Collaboration with the Sheriff's department is underway to manage garbage removal. The department has also contacted the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to arrange for water markers. Discussions are taking place regarding the

types of markers to be used, who will take responsibility for acquiring them for the property, and the liability concerns involved.

3. Off Road Mountain Bike Trails/Park

Mr. Ruhland and Mr. Clegg delivered a presentation regarding Mountain Bike Trails.

Discussion on ways to enhance and expand the existing trails.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Mr. Struck provided a summary of his monthly reports.

9. Next Meeting Date

August 6, 2026

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Supervisor Schoessow, seconded by Supervisor Matera to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Anna Hoff, Deputy County Clerk