

**MINUTES
KENOSHA COUNTY
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

Minutes of the Kenosha County Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee public hearing held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Supervisors Daniel Gaschke, Amy Maurer, Sandra Beth, Gabe Nudo, and Zach Rodriguez

Youth In Governance Representatives Present: Mackenzie Belletini and Brooke Smith

Staff in Attendance via WebEx:

Andy M. Buehler, Director, Division of Planning and Development
Teresa (Terri) Ward, Area Extension Director
Scott McComb, SE WI Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist, WI SeaGrant
Mary Metten, Health & Well-Being Educator
Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator
April A. Webb, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gaschke.

1. **Certification of Compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law:** The committee certified that all requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law had been met.
2. **Feature Program: “Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention in Kenosha County”:** Scott McComb, SE WI Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist, WI SeaGrant, provided information regarding Aquatic Invasive Species background, lake monitoring and protection network and monitoring and protection programs. Details are provided in the attached presentation.
3. **UW-Extension Educator/Program updates:** Mary Metten, Health & Well-Being Educator, reported that she will provide in-person training at Kenosha Correctional Center and Southeast Veterans Home for audiences that have limited virtual resources or unable to travel to an outside location. The Difficult Conversations series will be presented to local housing professionals and W2 staff and she will provide programming for parents and caregivers of Head Start at Westosha. Registration is now open for FAQ Sessions for professionals that work in the areas of child support or family court and local resources that tie into this arena. Two sessions will be held early-October.

Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator: provided an update regarding the extreme drought in Kenosha County; Plant Health Advisors fielded about 650 calls and emails for the SE WI area to date; there were 50 days above 85 degrees (normally about 30-45). The drought and heat have stressed trees, shrubs, lawns, and plants; although, some survive in hot weather (weeds). The apple industry is booming according to the WI Dept. of Agriculture (the drought decreased apple scab). The gypsy moth population has spiked; the lack of rain

decreased fungal diseases that usually keep the moth population in check. Spruce and oak trees suffer due to the high spike in gypsy moth in Kenosha County. The native prairie is doing exceptionally well (they can withstand the heat, are long rooted, and well established.) An Open Forestry training program was held August 24th for Kenosha/Racine Counties. A speaker from UW Stevens Point presented regarding the impact of construction on large trees and how to preserve them.

Terri Ward, Area Extension Director, provided an update for Jen Reese, Interim 4-H Coordinator regarding 4-H items: registration is open for 2021-22 and planning recognition and awards banquets. As the new AED, Terri noted that she looks forward to discovering more about 4-H families and volunteers and learning their needs and searching for and hiring a new educator to increase UW Madison's support in this program area.

Terri provided an update for Amy Greil, Community Development Educator: work with United Way, KABA and Kenosha County Planning & Development regarding affordable housing; an Affordable Housing Summit was held August 6th; newspaper column regarding labor availability published August 14th; continued work on the entrepreneur training program relative to social enterprise, non-profits, creative art space and business operators in partnership with Kenosha Creative Space; work on a multi-state conference for watershed protection coordinators that work with farmers and ag producers; continued work on relational network leadership project, and ongoing assistance with local food pantries and emergency food programs.

Terri reported for Erica Ness, Positive Youth Educator: Youth In Governance representatives are embarking on a new project to promote mental health resources to reduce the stigma of mental health in Kenosha County; YAR's first meeting will be held September 21; first round of applications for grant funding requests is due October 12th; CYFAR grant officially approved working with Library and partners to plan that program.

4. **UW-Extension Director's Report:** Area Extension Director Ward noted that Jen Reese's 4-H Coordinator position with Kenosha County remains at 10% and Jen will be limited in her ability to support programming while the search for a replacement position is conducted the next couple of months. To provide support to the 4-H program in the interim, Erica Ness, Positive Youth Development Educator, will assist with volunteer training and April Webb, Senior Administrative Assistant, will assist with 2021-22 membership enrollments. Ms. Ward will be observing programs and continuing to learn the needs of the County and office and is placing top priority on finding a replacement for the 4-H Coordinator position for Kenosha County. Ms. Ward reported that the position of Administrator of the federally funded FoodWise program was posted and closes September 15th. She is also consulting with UW-Madison's Division of Extension Agriculture Institute Director to fill the Agriculture Educator position at .5 shared with Racine County, as former Ag Educator Leigh Presley's position historically was, as soon as is possible.

Chairman Gaschke reminded everyone that the 2022 Budget discussions will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the October 13, 2021 meeting, as well as the 7:00 p.m. land use application hearings.

Chairman Gaschke called for a brief recess prior to reconvening for the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

After a brief recess, the Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room (Recording #2 of 2).

5. **HCP2 LLC**, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Owner), Jeff Badtke, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Agent), requests an **amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan map for Kenosha County: 2035 (map 65 of the comprehensive plan)** from “Farmland Protection”, “PEC” & “Non-Farmed Wetland” to General Agricultural and Open Land”, “PEC” & “Non-Farmed Wetland” on Tax Parcel #30-4-220-363-0100, located in the southwest ¼ of Section 36, T2N, R20E, Town of **Brighton**.

Jeff Badtke was in attendance to speak to this item.

- Nudo/Beth motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the Comprehensive Plan Amendment request of HCP2 LLC (Owner), Jeff Badtke (Agent). Passed on the following roll call vote: Beth – aye; Nudo – aye; Rodriguez – aye; Gaschke – aye; YIG Bellitini – aye.

6. **HCP2 LLC**, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Owner), Jeff Badtke, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Agent), requesting a **rezoning** from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist. to A-2 General Agricultural Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. on Tax Parcel #30-4-220-363-0100, located in the southwest ¼ of Section 36, T2N, R20E, Town of **Brighton**

Jeff Badtke was in attendance to speak to this item.

- Nudo/Rodriguez motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the rezoning request of HCP2 LLC (Owner), Jeff Badtke (Agent). Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present, including YIG.

7. **HCP2 LLC**, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Owner), Jeff Badtke, 1412 136th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182 (Agent), requesting a **Certified Survey Map** on Tax Parcel #30-4-220-363-0100, located in the southwest ¼ of Section 36, T2N, R20E, Town of **Brighton**.

Jeff Badtke was in attendance to speak to this item.

- Rodriguez/Nudo motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the Certified Survey Map request of HCP2 LLC (Owner), Jeff Badtke (Agent). Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present, including YIG.

8. **Pike River South Branch Rehabilitation Project Overview:** An overview presentation was provided by representatives from Root Pike WIN, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), and Department of Public Works and Planning and Development each presented their segments of the project. The overview included an explanation of project goals & location, background, current & future state, Mt. Pleasant case study, project

budget & timeline and USACE funding & perspective. (The presentation is attached for specific details).

9. **Approval of Minutes**

- Beth/Rodriguez motion to approve the minutes as presented of the August 11, 2021 Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee meeting. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present.

10. **Citizen Comments - None**

11. **Any Other Business Allowed By Law** – Planning Director Buehler noted two applications had been received for the October 13, 2021 meeting agenda.

12. **Adjournment**

- Rodriguez/Nudo motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.