

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: September 26, 2022
FROM: Parks and Expo Director
RE: Notice of Intent to Acquire a WI DOT Parcel Located Adjacent to the WIOUWASH TRAIL.

General Description: The Parks Department is interested in acquiring a WI DOT owned parcel adjacent to the WIOUWASH trail within the Town of Oshkosh.

Requested Action:

The Parks Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee submits the intent to purchase to the WI DOT.

Procedural Steps:

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 9/26/22
Action taken: APPROVED	Vote: 5-0
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting Date: 10/6/22
Action Taken: APPROVED	Vote: 4-0
County Board	Meeting Date: 10/18/22
Action Taken	Vote:

Background:

In 2021, the Town of Oshkosh attended a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. They informed the Parks and Recreation Committee that they were having issues with fishermen parking their trucks and trailers on Edgewood Lane in order to access Lake Butte des Morts within the Town of Oshkosh. The Town of Oshkosh requested that the Winnebago County Parks Department consider acquiring a parcel by Westwind Road in order to construct a parking lot to allow for more access to Lake Butte des Morts.

Justification:

The Winnebago County Parks Department has many users that utilize the WIOUWASH Trail on a yearly basis. The WIOUWASH Trail accommodates walkers, runners, bikers, horseback riders, and snowmobiles throughout the year. The most popular trail head is the Westwind Road Trail head. This trail head can only accommodate roughly 6-8 cars. It can only fit 6 trucks with trailers during the snowmobile season. By building a parking lot on this parcel it will also allow more users to access Lake Butte des Morts to fish, view wild life, and launch a kayak or small boat that can be carried in by hand or cart. The Parks Department wishes to work with the Town of Oshkosh to acquire this property, create a link to the WIOUWASH Trail and construct a gravel parking lot.

This letter of intent does not have a price for the parcel. The WI DOT would determine the price in the future.

Attachments:

- WI DOT Notice of Intent to Purchase Letter with Site Maps
- Resolution to Approve the letter with an intent to purchase the WI DOT parcel located within the Town of Oshkosh.