

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: November 20, 2023
TO: Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee
FROM: Parks Director
RE: ATVs on WIOUWASH Trail – Chapter 19.27 Revision

General Description:

The Town of Oshkosh is requesting the Parks Department to allow for ATV use from December – February along the WIOUWASH Trail from West Wind Road to the first bridge for access to Lake Butte des Morts.

Requested Action:

The Parks Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to the County Board to authorize the ordinance revisions to Chapter 19.27 as proposed in exhibit A.

Procedural Steps:

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 12/12/23
Action taken: Approved	Vote: 4-0
County Board	Meeting date: 1/16/23
Action taken:	Vote:

Background:

In August of 2021, the Town of Oshkosh Chairman, Jim Erdman attended a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and requested the Winnebago County Parks Department to consider allowing ATVs on the WIOUWASH Trail during the winter months for the purpose of access Lake Butte des Morts. In the past, users parked on Edgewood Lane on the north side of Lake Butte des Morts within the Town of Oshkosh. They utilized this fire lane/boat landing to drive their ATV onto the lake. In the last year or so, the Town of Oshkosh signed the road with no parking signs only during the winter months.

The Town of Oshkosh requested that the Winnebago County Parks Department allow use of ATVs from West Wind Road to the first bridge crossing to the north for the purpose of accessing Lake Butte des Morts on an ATV. A diagram has been included below showing the portion of the WIOUWASH Trail that is being requested for ATV use.

- Ordinance Revision