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## Town Board Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Town Hall – 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

**Present:** Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, Tim Padesky, and Tim Ehler, Administrator Christina Peterson, and Clerk Fortune Berg.

**Absent:** None.

**Attendance List:** Josh Hein and Riley Pierringer (ORA).

1. Meeting called to order by Candahl at 9:00 a.m.
2. Re-Zoning Request – ORA Trail Farm. The request by ORA to rezone the trail farm property from Agricultural to Recreational and Natural Resources was discussed at the March 25, 2025, Town Board meeting, in which several conditions were discussed in order to support the rezone request. The discussion on campgrounds continued. Peterson reviewed information that was sent to the Board on April 1, 2025, including the additional information submitted by ORA, the ORA Trail Farm Case Statement, and links to State and County regulations. Hein explained that ORA's plan is to have tent sites, camper sites with 25' length limit, and group campsites. Peterson gave further information on campsite types and density as referenced in the State Regulations Chapter ATCP 79. Knutson noted the Board was not given much time to review, and Padesky requested a sanitation plan for their proposed sites (bathroom, human waste, water access, trash removal). After further discussion, Peterson summarized the health, safety, and welfare concerns that were mentioned related to the rezoning conditions discussed at the prior meeting and today including: bridge design, flooding, highway driveway entrance, uncertainty of sanitary sewer availability, law enforcement limitations, ordinance enforcement transition of authority and using town park ordinance as guideline. The option to support a small number of sites was discussed and a suggestion was made to allow up to ten tent sites. Motion by Ehler, to recommend approval of the rezone request for parcels 11-555-0, 11-605-0, 11-1024-0, 11-1023-0, 11-673-0, 11-1025-0, 11-1106-0, and 11-1105-0, with the conditions that there is no discharge of firearms allowed; no hunting allowed; no recreational motorized vehicles allowed (excluding accessibility equipment and e-Bikes classes 1 and 3); camping be limited to up to 10 individual tent campsites with not more than 6 campers or a single family per site; no commercial animal establishments allowed; no explosives or fireworks allowed; and no mines, quarries, and/or gravel pits allowed, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously. Candahl noted before another review

comes up, he would like to see a site plan, and more information for camping limitations to help the board review any changes in the future.

3. Adjourn. Motion by Ehler, to adjourn at 10:12 a.m., second by Padesky. Motion carried Unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting April 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Annual Meeting April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Fortune M. Berg, Clerk.