

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Consideration of Land Purchase for Passive Park Use

FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 6:00PM



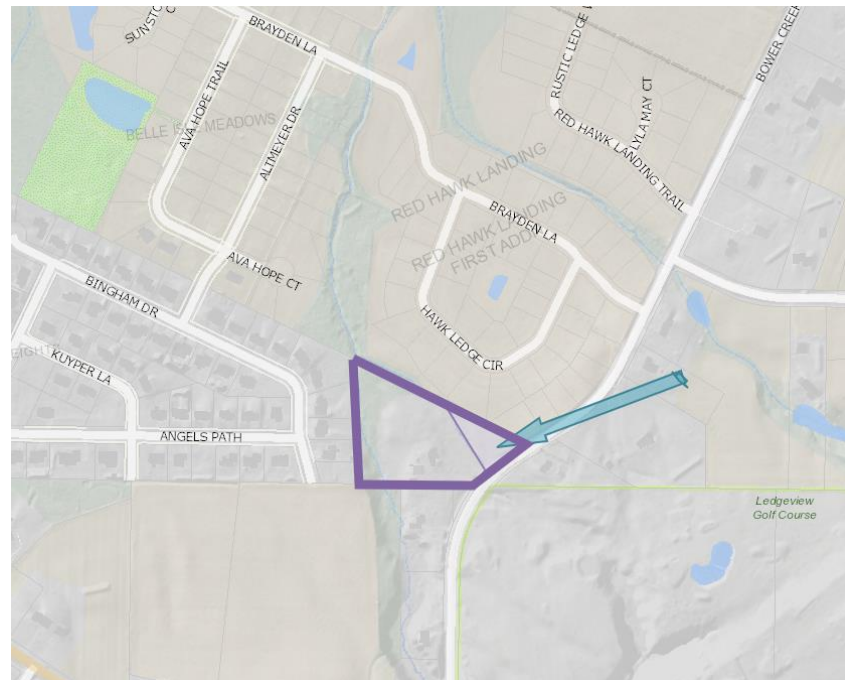
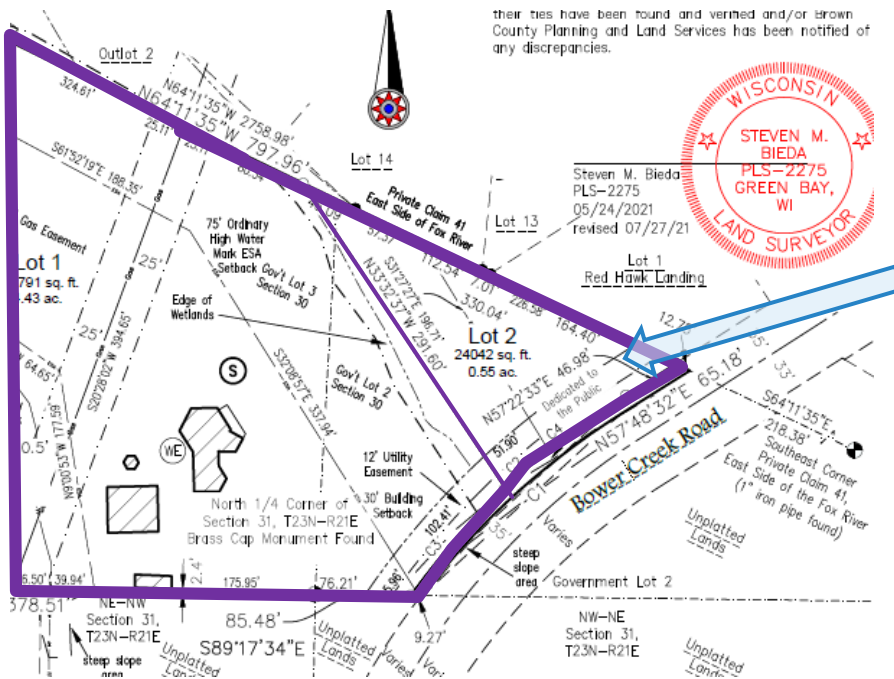
WHY A MEETING OF THE ELECTORS?

The purpose of the meeting is to grant the request and authorization from the electors to purchase a portion of parcel D-191, Lot 2 within the town. The intended use of Lot 2 is to preserve greenspace and offer connectivity of greenspace from Outlot 2 of the Red Hawk subdivision adjacent to and north of Lot 2, to the sidewalk/pedestrian access on Bower Creek Road.

The Town Board must obtain authorization from its electors to purchase land in accordance to Wis. Stat. §60.10(2). All actions of the town meeting shall be by vote and decided by a majority of the qualified electors.

WHERE IS THIS LOCATED?

Parcel D-191 is located at 3900 Bower Creek Road. The current property owners have indicated interest in splitting the lot and the Town is interested in purchasing Lot 2, which is .55 acres, for preservation of greenspace.



HOW WILL THIS LOT BE USED?

The intended use of this parcel is public access to and connectivity of greenspace. No active recreation is planned. A sign indicating "Public Access", a parcel map, and large demarcation stones would be used as demarcation for the site.

WHY IS THE TOWN INTERESTED IN PURCHASING?

Connectivity of Passive Recreation Areas: The Town desires to establish greenway connection between neighborhood developments, designated parks, and other open space areas. In addition to providing aesthetic and ecological benefits to the community, such areas can also accommodate various forms of passive recreation, including, but not limited to, hiking trails, educational and interpretive exhibits, outdoor education classes, picnicking, and nature study/bird watching. (Town of Ledgeview Park and Recreation Plan, 2019-2024 pg. 73) This parcel will connect the Red Hawk Landing greenspace to the north with pedestrian access on Bower Creek Road. Future greenway connection is possible along the golf course and east to Dallas Lane, and north through the Red Hawk Landing subdivision as development continues.



Preservation of Greenspace: Protecting natural open spaces is extremely important, particularly along waterways, around wetlands and wooded areas, and along the escarpment. (Town of Ledgeview Park and Recreation Plan, 2019-2024 pg. 72-73)

Resident Input Indicating Desire to Protect and Preserve: In a 2013 community-wide survey, when asked to identify the primary reason for choosing Ledgeview as a place to live, the top response (25.8%) was to be close to the natural environment and scenic views prevalent within the community. When asked to identify the types of new development that would be most desirable in Ledgeview, a third (32.5%) said public spaces. More than 90-percent of respondents would encourage the preservation of green space when new residential and commercial development occurs in Ledgeview. Public input sessions conducted for the 2015-2019 plan listed the following as *First Tier priorities: passive recreation, native landscapes/ habitat, preserved open space, passive recreation, quietness. (Town of Ledgeview Park and Recreation Plan, 2019-2024 pg. 49)

*First Tier: Those with a consistently strong level of public support warranting the highest priority and which are economically justifiable based upon current needs and projected population growth.

Address Land Dedication Deficiency: The National Recreation and Park Association national standards recommend 50 acres/1000 residents of special use/open space areas. Using Ledgeview's population in 2019, this is a recommended 388.2 acres. As of the most current outdoor recreation plan, Ledgeview has 191.4 acres of open space areas (or 24.1 acres/1000 residents), which is a deficiency of 196.8 acres (or 25.9 acres/ 1000 residents). With the Town's projected growth through 2030 the town will need an additional 348.6 acres to

meet the national standard. (Town of Ledgeview Park and Recreation Plan, 2019-2024 pg. 70-72)

HOW WILL THE PURCHASE BE FUNDED? The Town collects impact fees when new developments are approved. Fees in-Lieu-of Park land dedication are collected when it is not in the best interest of the Town to build or dedicate a park in a certain subdivision. These fees collected are to be used for the purpose of land acquisition for park use. Wisconsin Statute §66.0617; Town of Ledgeview Code of Ordinances Chapter 56

HOW DO I SHOW MY SUPPORT? In order to cast a vote, you must be a qualified elector. A qualified elector is at least 18 years of age and a land owner in the Town of Ledgeview. Attend the meeting on Monday, February 7th at 6:00pm to cast your vote.

I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 920-336-3360 ext. 117 or via email at sschlag@ledgeviewwisconsin.com.