

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: June 7, 2022

FROM: Highway Commissioner

RE: Vacate Remnant Parcel on CTH-P (City of Menasha)

General Description:

Vacating remnant parcel on CTH-P located in the City of Menasha

Action Requested:

County Board approval to vacate remnant parcel on CTH-P in the City of Menasha to allow for this parcel to be added back on the tax roll and potentially be developed.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction	Highway Committee	Meeting date: May 31, 2022
Action taken: Passed		Vote: 5-0
Other Committee:		Meeting date:
Action taken:		Vote:
County Board		Meeting date: June 21, 2022

Background:

In 2017 the EJJ Group contacted the Winnebago County Highway Department in regards to vacating a remnant parcel in the City of Menasha on CTH-P. This parcel was purchased by Winnebago County on the behalf of the State of Wisconsin, for the Highway 441/Racine Street Roundabout project in the City of Menasha and the Village of Fox Crossing. After construction of the roundabout was completed this remnant of that property was no longer needed by Winnebago County for the construction or future maintenance. A Quit Claim Deed was executed and a resolution was voted on by the Highway Committee 5-0, and signed by past County Executive Mark Harris on August 18, 2017. Recently the property owner reached out stating he had a potential buyer for the property, but realized the parcel was not formally vacated.

Policy Discussion:

Statutorily it is required that any remnant property be returned to its prior owner if the property is no longer needed for the project for which it was acquired. Over the years similar remnant parcels have been created from State/County road projects and have been vacated in similar fashion. This parcel is unusable and is creating no revenue for Winnebago County, but once vacated this parcel could be developed for future business, and returned to the local tax roll.

Attachments:

Map, Quit Claim Deed, and 2017 Resolution