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2020 IMPACT REPORT

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Kevin Struck, Community Development Educator

Several town and village clerks have resigned or retired in the past year in the County, and since clerks often also play the role of the local zoning administrator, a lot of the "training" Kevin has done over the past few years in these particular communities has left the building. Consequently, a lot of questions that were thoroughly addressed in the past have to be covered again. This is not a complaint — it's just a reality in the field of community development education, where there is a steady amount of turnover due to the many volunteer and/or part-time roles played by clerks, plan commissioners, and board members.

To ease the transitions, Kevin keeps detailed notes and key emails to refresh his memory of how various questions and issues were handled in the past. His draft copies of local zoning and land division ordinances also include comments in the margins that shed light on how certain decisions were made or why particular wording was added or deleted. These notes, emails, and comments are often very useful in bringing new local officials up to speed.

e. Agritourism cafés, delicatessens, diners, eateries, bakeries

(1) At least fifty percent (50%) of the menu items must be derived from ingredients grown, raised, or produced within **ten (10) miles of the site Wisconsin.**



Kevin M. Struck

Revised based on input from public hearing. The 10-mile limit was reasonably argued to be too restrictive.

Excerpt from a "marked up" zoning ordinance draft, with explanatory comment included.

In addition to revisiting past questions and issues, there is, of course, a never ending stream of new land use "puzzlers." If Kevin doesn't know an answer right away, there may be several hours of research involved to find the right answer, and Kevin's contacts within Extension, Sheboygan County, and state agencies may also have to be consulted. After a response is drafted, it's usually wise to let it sit overnight, because invariably there are additional details or clearer wording that come to mind the next day.

A sample of recent questions include:

- 1) What is the best way to configure a proposed 4-lot land division in a transitional area that includes a cell tower on a lot without road frontage, a lot with an existing residence, and two new residential lots that together fall short of meeting the ordinance requirement for 500 feet of lot width?
- 2) Is a proposed 4-acre dirt track allowable on a 7-acre lot that is zoned for farmland preservation? Does it make a difference if the track is solely for personal use as opposed to public use? Is an erosion control permit required from the County? Is a conditional use permit needed from the town?
- 3) Is it important for the term "lot" to be defined the same in the zoning ordinance as in the land division ordinance? Does a *lot* differ from a *parcel* or a *tract*? If so, how?
- 4) How do you calculate residential density limits in the prime farmland preservation zone and assign the correct amount of preservation acreage to the parcel remnant?

"Your help is always very valuable and much appreciated!" — local clerk, 6/1/20 email to Kevin

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4-H POSTITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator and
Linda Robson, 4-H Program Educator

4-H Camp Riversite in Hingham, Wisconsin is a 60-acre property owned by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association. It is a representative jewel of Wisconsin land including deciduous and pine forests, wetland, prairie and riverfront. The 4-H Camp Riversite Management Committee has begun to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in promoting this property. The 4-H Camp Riversite Committee reviewed input from the Citizen Input survey regarding property management which included a total of 157 respondents. Analysis of the data by the committee so far includes:



• Strengths

- o Potential for good multi-use property (recreation, forests)
- o Unique eco-system - Onion River, Deciduous Forest, Pine Forests, Wetland, Prairie
- o Rustic environment - unique opportunities for kids these days, different from what others may provide
- o Hiking Trails, Horse Trails
- o Onion River potential
- o Strong local 4-H and Community program

• Weaknesses

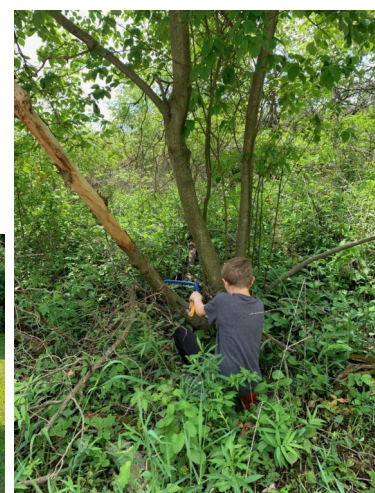
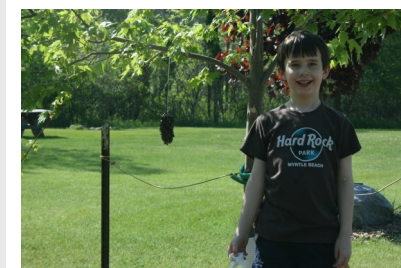
- o Funds are pretty limited in the current budget
- o Currently a lack of clear goals going forward
- o Probably under-utilized, needed tracking systems, need to compile information
- o Access road/driveway to the property is not very nice
- o Camp is pretty remote and hard to find if you don't know where it is
- o a lot of invasive species (honeysuckle, prickly ash, multi-flora rose)

• Opportunities

- o Need to get a better handle on what participants want.
- o Use of the cabin
- o Usable shelter space
- o Updating the play equipment
- o Get a better understanding on the usage (disc golf vs ball field)

• Threats

- o Use of property by vagrants/nefarious activity
- o Lack of maintenance that meets the needs
- o driveway needs to be grated
- o Trees along driveway need to be cut back
- o trees removed from trails





FOODWISE

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

The state FoodWise program is developing a statewide Harvest of the month program for elementary schools. Harvest of the Month is a social marketing intervention that encourages kids to eat more fruits and vegetables, specifically those grown in Wisconsin. This program includes the development of promotional materials for school cafeterias, activity sheets for educator and teachers, and messages for caregivers.

Janeth Orozco was invited to participate in the Harvest of the Month committee in charge of providing suggestions on how the materials can be relevant to our diverse communities across Wisconsin. This committee meets monthly to provide insight and suggestions on how to create materials that will be appealing to a Latinx audience. All members of this committee work with Latinx populations and bring great insight of the Latinx culture to the table. Currently Janeth has assisted in providing feedback on the materials already created as well as working with the State Extension's Language Access team to develop culturally relevant materials in Spanish.



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONSHIP

Jane Jensen, Human Development and Relationship Educator

The Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County was co-founded by Jane with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) ten years ago. She continues to co-chair the coalition with the ADRC and work with steering members from the Alzheimer's Association, Dementia Care Network, United Way, Mental Health America, and Hearthstone as well as a family caregiver representative. The mission of the coalition is identify, recognize, support, and enhance the role of those affected by family caregiving through 1) community outreach, 2) education, 3) peer support, and 4) shared resources in order to help family caregivers thrive.

Data for the recent annual report indicated that 275 family caregivers and 61 community organizations are current members. The current and emerging needs of family caregivers are met annually through four education events, a quarterly newsletter mailed to all family caregiver members and electronically shared with organizational members, several events that allow family caregivers and their care recipients to learn and socialize in a safe environment, as well as resource sharing through the website and written materials. There are no membership dues and programs are sustained through shared skills and resources of members. In response to COVID 19 educational events are being offered virtually so that family caregivers can participate by being safe at home. The steering committee is continuing to meet virtually as well and planning for future online education.



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mike Ballweg, Agriculture Agent

AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Family-owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity in Sheboygan County, while contributing to local income and tax revenues.

Agriculture's annual impact:



THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Sheboygan County is a diverse mix of rural and urban spaces, a thriving tourism destination and an agricultural powerhouse. The agricultural sector includes hundreds of family-owned farms, as well as many agriculture related businesses that provide equipment, services and products farmers need to process, market and deliver food and agricultural products to consumers. Sheboygan County ranks near the top of the state's dairy processing industry and is proud to be home to several major sausage makers. Sheboygan County is also home to a thriving mink business, known worldwide for the highest quality pelts. Sheboygan County's farm and flourishing ag processing industry contribute greatly to the area's thriving economy.

Did you know?

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY IS
No. 12 in Wisconsin's
cattle/calves industry

