



# Black Earth Economic Development Committee

Monday, January 22, 2024 | 5:30 PM

Village Municipal Meeting Room

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Confirmation of Quorum
3. Confirmation of Public Notice. A copy of the notice was delivered on January 19, 2024: emailed to the Star News and Lake Ridge Bank – Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and Black Earth Web Page.
4. Public Comment (3 minutes per person):
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/18/2023
6. Discussion/Action: Black Earth Creek Trail & Neighboring Trail Updates
  - a. Trail Planning
  - b. Visitor Center
7. Discussion/Action: Trail Planning Subcommittee Creation
  - a. Membership
  - b. Goals
8. Business/Community Development Updates/Reports
  - a. Gateway
  - b. Chamber
  - c. Village
9. Discussion/Action: Grants for Black Earth Creek
10. Discussion/Action: Black Earth Creek Stream Monitoring Updates
11. Discussion/Action: Setting Goals for the Economic Development Committee
12. Discussion/Action: Upcoming Community Events
13. Other Items for Future Agenda Discussion
14. Setting of Next Meeting
15. Adjournment

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other government bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. To request this service, contact Dani Fields, Clerk/Treasurer, 1210 Mills Street, or call 608-767-4902.

**Committee Members:** Tyler Munson, Pam Louis-Reindl, Mitch Hodson, Michelle Riel, Tom Marks, Kris Evans - Chamber of Commerce, Peter Antonie - Gateway to the Driftless. *Alternate: Terry Moyer*



# Black Earth Economic Development Committee

Monday, December 18, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Village Municipal Meeting Room

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

## Draft Minutes

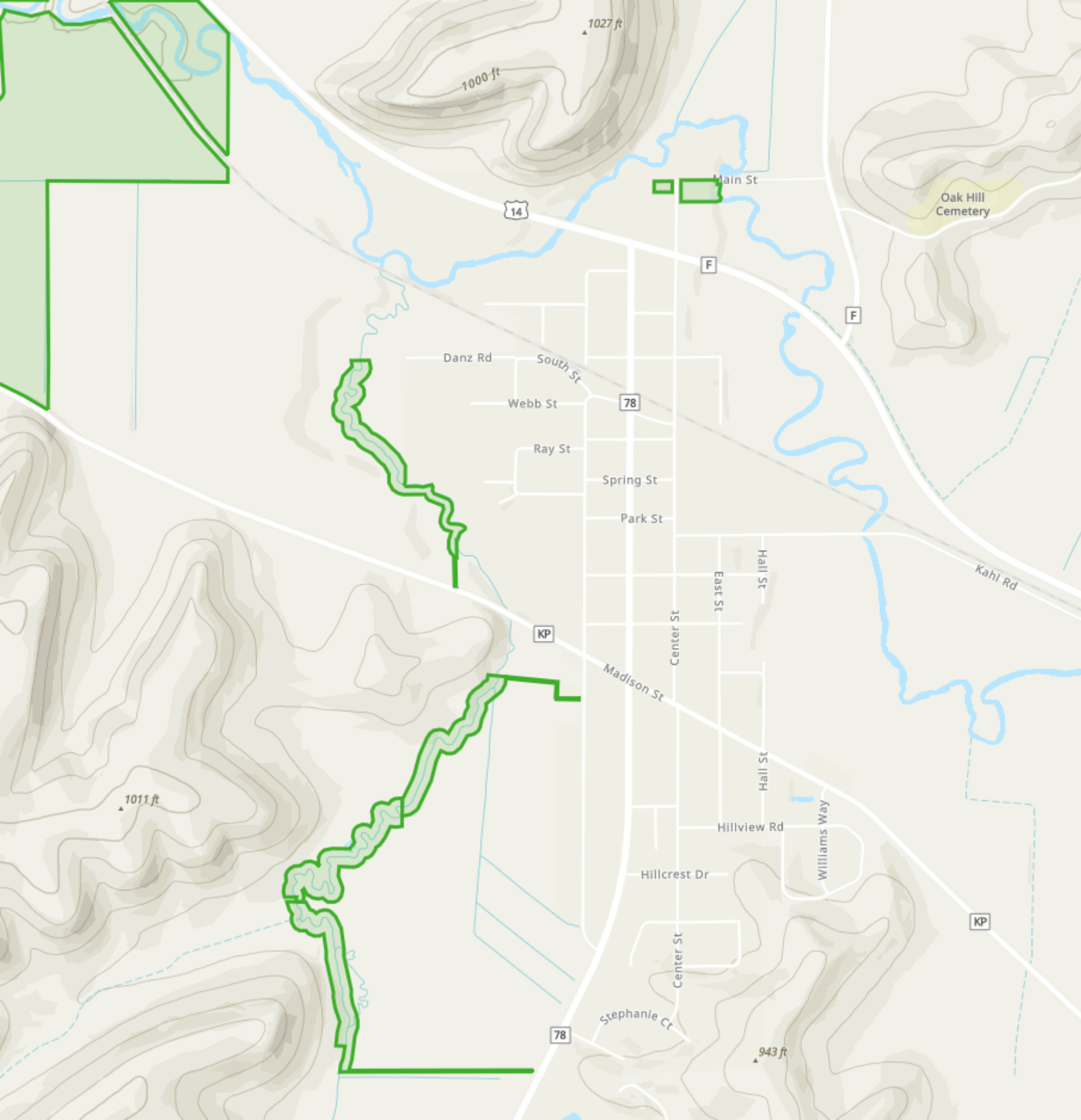
1. Call to Order: Chair Pam Louis-Reindl called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call / Confirmation of Quorum: Upon roll call present Tyler Munson, Pam Louis-Reindl, Mitch Hodson, Tom Marks, Peter Antonie, and Mary Hall - Gateway to the Driftless. Absent: Kris Evans/Chamber of Commerce, Michelle Riel. Also Present: Clerk Dani Fields.
3. Confirmation of Public Notice. Notice was read aloud.
4. Public Comment: *None/ No one present.*
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/20/2023  
Mitch/Tom motion to approve minutes as presented. Peter suggested a correction to item 6.a; minutes state that the Wolf Run trail is a segment of the Walking Iron Trail but it is not. Discussion on 6.a. and trail segment names, locations.  
*Mitch/Tom amended the motion to approve the minutes with the correction to 6.a. Motion carried unanimously.*
6. Discussion/Action: Economic Development Committee Goals
  - a. Skipped item; will discuss during item 9.
7. Discussion/Action: Grants for Black Earth Creek
  - a. Stream Monitoring -Tyler has no updates; expecting in 2024. Peter stated the Town of Vermont created a line item for Conservation and Development. Going to have funds earmarked to include creek monitoring funding.
8. Business/Community Development Updates/Reports
  - a. Village – nothing since last meeting.
  - b. Gateway – reviewed report. Disappointing news for Wisconsin River Bridge and Walking Iron Rails-to-Trails project; pushed back another year. Now construction to begin in 2025, completion slated for late 2027. Permitting issues. Groundswell planning to present at next EDC meeting, show trail maps, explains future plans. Presented at Coffee with a Cop, went very well.
  - c. Chamber - Absent
9. Discussion/Action: Subcommittee Creation – Trail Planning
  - a. Visitor Center and Trail Planning discussion; creation of the subcommittee. The purpose of the Subcommittee is to plan the trail and how it will connect with the Village and a welcome center. Those who stated interest being a part of the subcommittee: Pam, Mitch, Tyler, Tom, Peter.
10. Discussion/Action: Review of Trail Maps
  - a. Peter will see if he can get materials for maps. Sensitive to the information released due to land/trail plans crossing land not yet acquired or granted easement; negotiations in progress.
11. Discussion/Action: Purchase of Commercially-Zoned Housing
  - a. Discussion on Northeast Quadrant Feasibility Study. Where can Village expand a new subdivision/business area? Discussion on creek rerouting/remeandering, landlocked area.
  - b. A goal would be to purchase Premier Co-Op property near Depot. Would like to see mixed use in that lot. Pam stated that she spoke with new CEO of Co-Op, open to discussion for sale of property. Tyler mentioned possibilities of the TEA grant from WEDC. Need to prove job growth and long-term job creation. Potential to move library or village office to that location. Tyler offered to write the TEA grant for the Co-Op property.

12. Discussion/Action: Upcoming Community Events
  - a. Coffee with a Cop – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
13. Other Items for Future Agenda Discussion
  - a. TEA grant
  - b. Black Earth Creek Trail – Standing item
  - c. Trail Planning Subcommittee
  - d. Grants for Black Earth Creek
14. Setting of Next Meeting
  - a. Monday, January 22 at 530pm.
15. Adjournment

*Tyler/Mitch motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.*

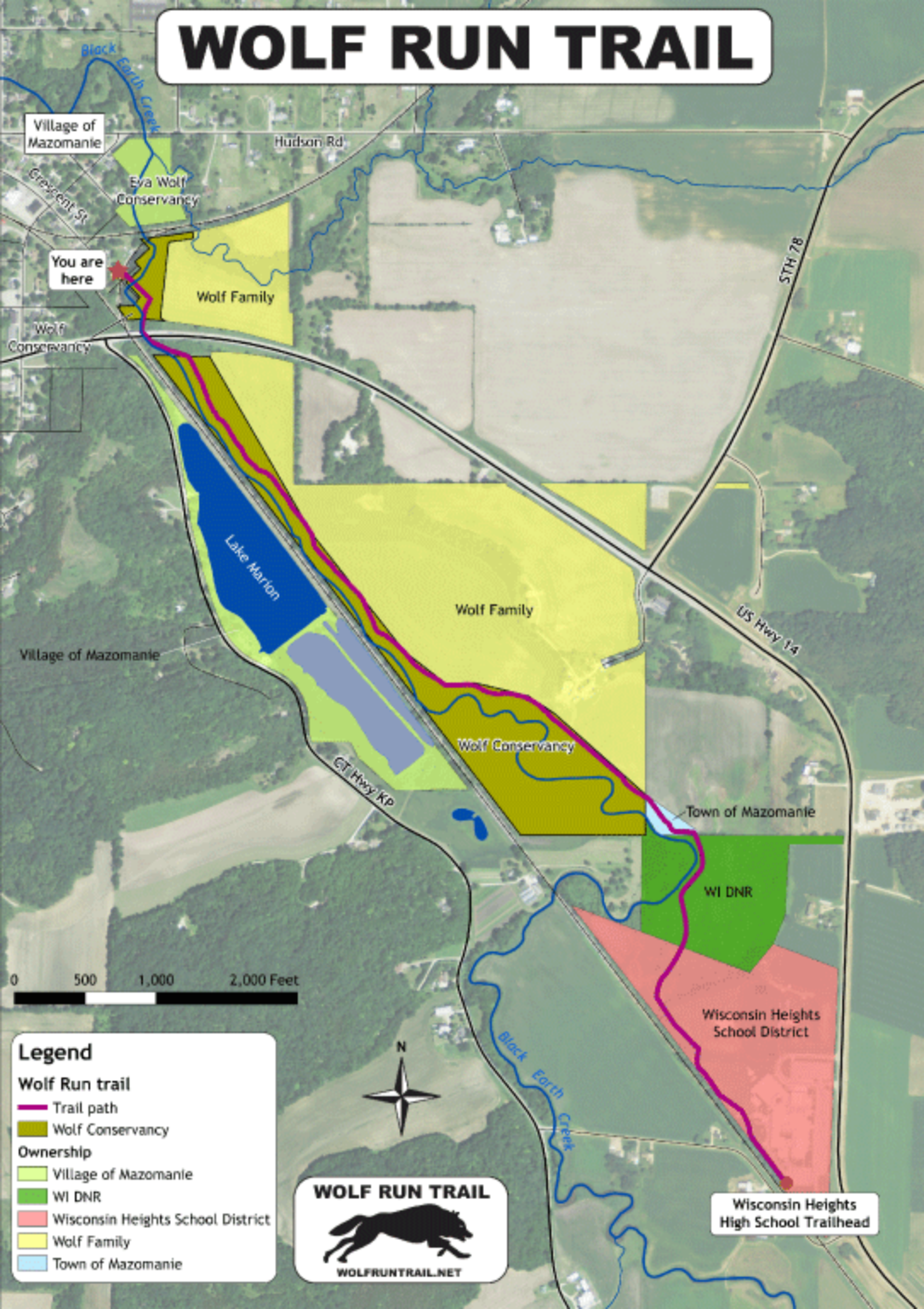
*Minutes prepared by Dani Fields, Clerk/Treasurer.*

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# WOLF RUN TRAIL



Village of Mazomanie

Eva Wolf Conservancy

Hudson Rd

You are here

Wolf Family

STH 78

Wolf Conservancy

Lake Marion

Wolf Family

US Hwy 14

Village of Mazomanie

Wolf Conservancy

Town of Mazomanie

CT Hwy 4P

WI DNR

Wisconsin Heights School District

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## Legend

### Wolf Run trail

Trail path

Wolf Conservancy

### Ownership

Village of Mazomanie

WI DNR

Wisconsin Heights School District

Wolf Family

Town of Mazomanie

WOLF RUN TRAIL



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Wisconsin Heights High School Trailhead