

**Minutes**  
**Lake County Board of Vacations**  
**Public Hearing Conducted on April 16, 2025, June 3, 2025 and July 23, 2025**

1. Call to Order: Mr. Olson called the hearing to order at 2:40 p.m. for Case No. #001061-2025 and reviewed the petition with those in attendance. Mr. Olson explained that the petition was legally advertised in the Daily Herald on March 27, 2025. The pledge was recited.
2. Roll Call  
Board of Vacations representatives:  
    Planning, Building and Development: Eric Steffen, Operations Manager  
    Division of Transportation: Tom Bennecke, Traffic Operations Engineer  
    Planning, Building and Development: Tom Chefalo, Principal Planner  
    Vacation Officer\*: Frank Olson, Senior Planner/Project Manager, Planning, Building and Development  
        \* Non-voting member
3. Added to the Agenda (none)
4. Deferred Matters (none)
5. Other Business: Request to vacate an unimproved section Lawson Road adjacent to 42657 N. Park Ave and 42647 N. Forest Ave, Antioch, Illinois.

**Petitioner's Testimony**

Margarita Castro, one of the applicants, testified the following: They have lived on the subject property for 1.5 years and they help maintain the subject unimproved right of way with their neighbors. They want to bring the subject unimproved right of way under their ownership to continue to maintain it and keep it clear.

**Board Comments/Questions**

Member Steffen confirmed that the applicants were aware that the subject right of way is located in floodplain, which the applicants responded they were aware. Member Chefalo raised questions about the Antioch Township Highway Commissioner stating that the property has been maintained and the applicants confirmed that it has been them maintaining the right of way. Member Chefalo raised concerns regarding the lack of an easement for the existing stormwater infrastructure.

**Public Questions**

No public questions.

**Public Statements**

No public statements.

**Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department Statements**

No statements from County Staff.

**Closing Statement**

No closing statements.

**Board Discussion**

Member Chefalo requested that the applicants put the easement on the plat of vacation. Member Bennecke agreed with Member Chefalo regarding the easement being added prior to making a recommendation.

Member Chefalo motioned to continue the Board of Vacations hearing to June 3, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Public Works Maintenance Building, seconded by Member Steffen, which passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Member Chefalo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Steffen, which passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

### **June 3, 2025 Continued Hearing**

1. Call to Order: Mr. Olson called the hearing to order at 3:00 p.m. for Case No. #001061-2025 and reviewed the petition with those in attendance. The pledge was recited.
2. Roll Call  
Board of Vacations representatives:  
    Planning, Building and Development: Eric Steffen, Operations Manager  
    Division of Transportation: Tom Bennecke, Traffic Operations Engineer  
    Vacation Officer\*: Frank Olson, Senior Planner/Project Manager  
        \* Non-voting member

Since the Board of Vacations did not have quorum, Member Bennecke made a motion to continue the hearing to July 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Central Permit Facility, seconded by Member Steffen, which passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Member Steffen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Bennecke, which passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

### **July 23, 2025 Continued Hearing**

1. Call to Order: Mr. Olson called the hearing to order at 3:05 p.m. for Case No. #001061-2025 and reviewed the petition with those in attendance. The pledge was recited.
2. Roll Call  
Board of Vacations representatives:  
    Planning, Building and Development: Eric Steffen, Operations Manager  
    Division of Transportation: Tom Bennecke, Traffic Operations Engineer  
    Planning, Building and Development: Tom Chefalo, Principal Planner  
    Vacation Officer\*: Frank Olson, Senior Planner/Project Manager  
        \* Non-voting member

### **Petitioner's Testimony**

Applicants provided no further testimony.

### **Board Comments/Questions**

Member Steffen asked if the Antioch Highway Commissioner had seen the easement language, the applicant confirmed that he had reviewed the plat with the new easement.

### Public Statements

No public statements.

### Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department Statements

No statements from County Staff.

### Closing Statement

No closing statements.

### Close of Testimony/Action

A motion to close testimony was made by Member Chefalo and seconded by Member Steffen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Olson requested a motion be made to recommend approval of street vacation application #001061-2025, reading the request of the application and the legal description of the subject property. Member Chefalo moved to recommend approval of the petition to vacate the right-of-way, seconded by Member Steffen: Voting "Aye" on this motion, Members Chefalo, Steffen, and Bennecke. Voting "Nay" on this motion, none.

The motion to recommend approval of the petition passed by a vote of 3-0 based on the following findings:

1. A vacation of the subject portion of Lawson Road will have no negative impact on the public, it will allow the property owners currently maintaining it to continue to do so legally and it will put the property onto the tax rolls.


### Adjournment

Member Steffen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Bennecke, which passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Street Vacation - PTRL #001061-2025

Antioch Township

  
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Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025