

**MEMORANDUM**

April 11, 2025

TO: Thomas Chefalo, Division of Planning and Development Services  
Eric Steffen, Division of Building and Engineering  
Tom Bennecke, Lake County Division of Transportation  
Dan Brown, State's Attorney's Office

FR: Frank Olson, Hearing Officer, Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development

RE: Vacation Petition #001061-2025 – Antioch Township  
Hearing Date: April 16, 2025

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REQUESTED ACTION: Vacation of all of the following:

That part of Lawson Street in Fox River Springs, being a subdivision in part of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9 and part of the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 10, Township 48 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat hereof recorded September 30, 1914 as Document 155456, in Book "J" of Plats, pages 14 and 15, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 18 in Block 6 of said Fox River Springs, thence Northwesterly, on a Northwesterly continuation of the Westerly line of said Lot 18, to the Southerly line of Lot 15 in Block 3 of said Fox River Springs, thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said lot 15 to the shoreline of the Fox River; thence Southerly along the shoreline of the Fox River to the Northerly line of said Lot 18; thence Westerly along the Northerly line of said Lot 18 to the place of beginning, all in Lake County, Illinois.

APPLICANTS'  
PROPERTY,

LOCATION, AND SIZE: The unimproved section of Lawson Road that is to be vacated is adjacent to 42657 N Park Ave, Antioch, Illinois (PIN 01-10-102-015), and 42647 N Forest Ln, Antioch, Illinois (PIN 01-10-105-001).

The proposed area to be vacated consists of approximately 0.12 acres.

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LAKE COUNTY STAFF CORRESPONDENCE

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission: Brian Frank

- No objection to street vacation.
- Proposed street vacation does not appear to impact the surrounding area regarding its interjurisdictional needs or other development related aspects of SMC's WDO jurisdiction, given the surrounding area is all unincorporated Lake County.

Lake County Health Department: Regina Roberts

- No objection to the street vacation.

Lake County Division of Transportation: Sebastian Stankiewicz

The Division of Transportation has no objections to the street vacation but has the following concerns:

- The Antioch Township Highway Commissioner has a concern about the responsibility of drainage in the unimproved ROW if it were to become privately owned. Flooding may be a problem if the drainage system were to fail or get plugged up. It was also stated that the road and surrounding property flood yearly.
- There are 3 storm sewer structures and an outlet to the Fox River on the vacant lot. The highway commissioner has expressed concern of the maintenance of the storm sewer.
- The unimproved ROW provides access to the Fox River.
- The guy wires for the utility pole appear to be in the unimproved ROW.
- A picnic table and boat lift were observed to be on the unimproved ROW.
- Vegetation is well maintained in the unimproved ROW.

Lake County Engineering Division: Joel Krause

- The Engineering Division has no objection to the requested Street Vacation.
- The subject property is located within the regulatory floodplain of the Fox River and is within a flood prone area known to have historical flooding issues.
- The overland runoff from the site must continue to flow to the east towards the river; existing drainage patterns must be maintained.
- Please be advised that there are several existing stormwater/drainage structures on the subject property.
- This onsite existing stormwater infrastructure must be maintained so as to not adversely impact any surrounding properties, including the Township public Right-Of-Way (ROW).

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OUTSIDE AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Commonwealth Edison (ComEd): Katie Bengson

- ComEd has no objection to the street vacation and ComEd wishes to retain its rights within the right of way to service the surrounding homes.

Comcast Cable: Ted Wyman

- Comcast Cable has no objection to the street vacation.
- Comcast Cable notes that there appears to be guy wires within the unimproved ROW.

Nicor Gas: Rebecca Luginbill

- Nicor has no objection to the street vacation.

- Nicor may have a service line installed in the subject ROW. Nicor requests to retain their rights as installed to operate, maintain, repair, replace, and remove facilities used in connection with the transmission and distribution of natural gas in, over, under, across, along, and upon the surface of the property we have pipe installed.

Antioch Township Highway Department: Eric Ring

Antioch Township Highway Department has requested a drainage easement for the following reasons:

- Concerns regarding drainage in the unimproved ROW if it were to become privately owned. Flooding may be a problem if the drainage system were to fail or get plugged up due to annual flooding.
- Concerns regarding the maintenance of the 3 storm sewer structures in the unimproved ROW.

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ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- None

## Site Photos for Vacation #001061-2025



Looking East – Unimproved Lawson Road and 1 of 3 Storm Sewer Structures

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Looking West –Unimproved Lawson Road



Looking North – N Forest Lane (Unimproved Lawson Road on Right).





Looking South – N Forest Lane (Unimproved Lawson Road on Left).



Looking East – Lawson Road and Unimproved Lawson Road





Looking North – Storm Sewer Outlet into the Fox River on Unimproved Lawson Road



Looking West – Unimproved Lawson Road and 2 of 3 Storm Sewer Structures



Looking West – Unimproved Lawson Road and 3 of 3 Storm Sewer Structures