

**City of Decorah Property Committee meeting minutes  
Monday, March 20, 2017 – 5:00pm**

The City of Decorah Property Committee met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:00pm. Chair Steve Luse called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Gary Rustad, Andy Carlson and Randy Schissel.

Others in attendance included Mayor Don Arendt, Dan Bellrichard and Chuck Lore. City manager Chad Bird was also present.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion and direction on proposed elementary school site

*Luse provided an overview of the situation and read a list of items he presented to the council for consideration.*

*Rustad asked about the \$1,000,000 amount and where Luse came up with that number. He also asked why the city would want the Westside school building. There was general conversation about the cash and Luse noted that it was close to the amount previously stated for new ball fields and land.*

*Lore noted that he doesn't want to burden the city with the Westside school and its many maintenance and building issues.*

*Bellrichard has noted many citizens seem to want the downtown location, not necessarily on the ballfield. He also asked about the existing site planning matrix and noted he would like to see the results of that analysis. He also noted he would like to see the financial information the board used to determine North Winn and portable units would not work.*

*Rustad asked if the tennis courts could be moved and would either the city or the district be open to that situation?*

*Brian Petersburg noted that the district and the community has one chance to get it right and wants to ensure the proposed 16 million is spent wisely.*

*Lore asked if the district is planning for the future, Petersburg noted they are.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 5:35am.  
Respectfully submitted,

