

## AGENDA

**County Of Eau Claire  
Committees On Parks & Forest And Exposition Center Advisory  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.  
Eau Claire County Exposition Center  
5530 Fairview Drive – Eau Claire WI 54701**

**Members note: Please call the committee chair or office if you will not be attending the meeting.**

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from January 26 and February 9, 2016 meetings – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Eau Claire Ski Striders' request to rename Cross-Country Trail System at Tower Ridge Recreation Area – Discussion/action
5. Chippewa Valley Nordic Cross--country ski team request to place trophy case in chalet at Tower Ridge Recreation Area – Discussion/action
6. Curling Club/Expo Center Report – Discussion/action
7. Lake Altoona Dam Repair Phase 2 Update – Discussion/action
8. Fitz/West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick Update– Discussion/action
9. Correspondence
10. Staff and committee reports
11. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
12. Exposition Center Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
13. Committee Education
14. Future and pending items: Next meeting date: March 8, 2016, 5 pm at Ag Center

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND FOREST**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor meeting room)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Paul Lokken, Kevin Stelljes and Bruce Willett

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Fields, Troy and Julie Campbell, Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization; Phil Johnson, Ayres Associates; and Glory Adams, Parks & Forest Advisory Committee

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen and Bobbi Barone

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Approval of minutes from January 12 and 15, 2016 meetings – Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed for the January 12 and 15, 2016 Committee Meetings; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
4. Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization Tournament Request – Tom Field, Troy and Kathy Campbell were present for this item. Troy thanked the county for the ability to have 36 holes at Tower Ridge. Troy stated the tournament last year had nearly the maximum 144 participants. CVDGO asked the committee to waive the parking fee for the tournament weekend May 13-15 as any proceeds will be used to create concrete tees. The tees would be kept out of the ski trails as much as possible and would be at grade or lower so mowing would not change. Kevin made a motion to waive parking fee for May 13-15, 2016; motion carried 5-0.
5. Lake Altoona Master Plan Update – Phil Johnson from Ayres Associates was present for this item. Phil gave an update on the plan development. He explained that on-site surveys were done in September beginning on the Labor Day Weekend and the week after that. Also, the Placemaking activity had no participation which was disappointing. Phil asked if the committee was looking for input from millennials? If so, what type of activity would draw people to participate in placemaking?
6. Presentation of Range Improvement Plan by Eau Claire National Rifle Club – Noone from the Rifle Club was present. Josh explained that the Rifle Club had some organizational issues to deal with and may bring the issue back at a later time.
7. Proposal to install handicap ramp at Bedpost Park – Josh talked with Rod of Planning & Development. Rod said an engineer plan is needed and that would require some investment of funds. The committee stated they weren't in support of a ramp with switch-backs. Josh will communicate with Steve Haug.

8. Lake Altoona Dam Repairs Phase 2 – There was no new information beyond the bid being awarded to IEI.
9. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut – Kevin stated he had met with Josh and Jody and he was okay with the suggestions for management of the property they proposed. Pat asked Kevin to bring back details on the property.
10. Fitz-West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick – The next committee meeting will focus primarily on the Fitz Property and will be held at Ayres Associates February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m.
11. Correspondence – There was none to report.
12. Staff and committee reports – Josh reported new snowmobile bridges were being built with the snowmobile clubs. Gary brought up the free camping night that was talked about last year. After some discussion, the committee agreed the night should be the Thursday night (May 19) the week prior to Memorial Day weekend.
13. Advisory Committee input and assignments: Josh said the committee hadn't met yet but would be discussing disc golf "pay to play" and county forest camping.
14. Exposition Center Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – The Expo Advisory Committee will be invited to the meeting with the Curlers.
15. Committee Education – Time did not allow.
16. Future and pending items: Next meeting date February 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Ayres Associates.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND FOREST**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Ayres Associates, 3433 Oakwood Hills Parkway, Eau Claire WI 54701

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Paul Lokken, and Bruce Willett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Stelljes

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Johnson, Ayres Associates; Peter Vaughan, Bob Fitzwilliam, Larry Jost, and Bruce Moss, West Wisconsin Land Trust; Doug Burrows, and Emily St. Aubin and Fred Turk, Fitz Property Working Committee members; Glory Adams, Brian Anderson Colleen Bates, Betty and Mike Bogstad, Ron Bohl, Matt Brantner, Steve Creviston, Arlene and Neil Dittner, Shane Harlison, Pam Ida, Linda John, Mike & Angie Larrabee, Dale & Carol Lunderville, Amy & Dustin Marsh, Jim Ruppelt, Jared Simon, Mark Steil, Jerry Vetterkind, and Brooke Weiss, interested neighbors and citizens.

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen and Bobbi Barone

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 7:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Fitz Property Master Plan Draft presentation – Phil Johnson of Ayres Associates presented the concept which the public has given input. He explained the four concepts embraced with preparing the plan were environmental, economic, community and aesthetics. The property was split into three areas: North Day Use, Mid Overnight, and South Natural/Adventure Area. Gary Gibson added that the Boy Scout organization had built trails and bridges in parks as Eagle Scout projects in neighboring counties and included them in their educational activities and perhaps they should be contacted about the possibility for helping develop this area. Pat LaVelle suggested may be there are too many structures/activities planned for the area. Bruce Willett was concerned that Mrs. Fitz's wishes may not be accomplished. With the overnight uses Phil had proposed, neighbors were concerned about water uses and Phil suggested that the use would be low. Bob Fitzwilliam from West Wisconsin Land Trust reiterated their charge as trustees of the property and that this property was not typical conservation property they normally manage. Phil suggested there may be somebody the land trust could partner with to develop the property. Bob suggested this could be a partnership taking 15-years of development to make it a special place or to simply add some trails thru the property. Pat stated the Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation areas were developed over a number of years thru volunteer involvement. Members of the land trust thought the plan was a good basis for a starting point but questioned Phil as to how it would be phased in. Phil explained phase 1 would be the day use area; phase 2 overnight area; and phase 3 natural area. Bruce suggested the Parks & Forest Committee and the West Wisconsin Land Trust have a joint meeting and discuss/imagine how the partnership would work both short and long term. Amy Marsh stated the snowmobile club had thought about possibly using the Fitz Property as a connector. Also, adding trails that

could be multi-use in the winter for fat tire bikes, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing.

3. Adjournment – Bruce made a motion to adjourn the committee meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk