

AGENDA

**County Of Eau Claire
Advisory Committee On Parks & Forest
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center (2nd Floor meeting room)
227 1st Street West, Altoona WI**

Members note: Please call the director (715) 839-4783 if you will not be able to attend the meeting.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from May 5, 2015 meeting
3. Review County Forest Camping Policy – Recommendation to Parks & Forest Committee

16.30.520 County forest use regulations.

A. Recreational Use.

1. Overnight camping may be permitted in the county forest for a charge of \$10 for a period not to exceed 14 nights in succession, except during the camping season May 1 through September 15, or the period when fees are charged for use of a county campground. After camping 14 nights in succession, it is required that the camping unit be removed from the forest and no camping continue by the camping party for a minimum of one week (7 consecutive nights). Any camper or campers who violate the rules and regulations of this chapter or of good conduct, including cutting or defacing timber, carelessness with fire, violation of game, fish and litter regulations shall be subject to ejection from the county forest and subject to the penalties provided by ordinances and state law.

4. Feasibility/benefits of changing Vehicle pass at Tower Ridge Disc Golf to “Pay to Play” - Recommendation to Parks & Forest Committee
5. Announcements: ATV Trails Close March 15 thru May 15; Coon Fork Regular camping Season starts May 1, 2016; Other parks open May 15; Free Camping Day at Coon Fork Thursday, May 19, 2016
6. Set next meeting date.
7. Adjournment

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**Eau Claire County
Parks and Forest Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

Agriculture and Resource Center 2nd floor

Members Present: Jodene Badciong, Bob Paddock, Frank Schemberger, Tom Peterson, Tom Field, and MaryJo Harings

Members Absent: Michael Lea, Glory Adams, Emily St Aubin, Kirk Dahl, Jolene Smith,

Others Present:

Staff Present: Josh Pedersen

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

Motion by Tom Peterson, second by Tom Field to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2014 and April 21, 2015. All ayes, motion carried.

The management of the Pinter Pines Coon Gut property was then considered. A summary from the onsite meeting of April 21st was reviewed. There were many concerns with developing the area around the cabins and also additional road work that may be needed to provide for safe two way traffic. There was a suggestion to fill in the old homestead site, as this could be a hazard for a hunter walking in the dark.

Motion by Bob Paddock, second by Tom Field to manage the 160 acres of land making up the Coon Gut/Pinter Pines property like the rest of the county forest land, with an emphasis on managing for big trees in the creek corridor areas. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Tom Field, second by Tom Peterson to remove all buildings and structures as the department's schedule allows. All ayes, motion carried.

There was also a consensus that after all buildings were removed, that an open air shelter be constructed on the site where the upper cabin currently sits. This would provide a stopping point for snowmobilers and also a picnic area for those using the forest.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn; motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Pedersen
Committee Clerk

Dispersed County Forest Camping Survey

County	Policy in Place	Purchase Online	Notes
Burnett	Permit system	No	\$15 for up to 10 consecutive days. If two permits are purchased, you must move at least 1/4 mile away from initial spot. Can not use same spot over and over. Camper must be occupied daily.
Washburn	Permit system	Yes	\$10 for 2 nights, with 2 night minimum. Can purchase up to 7 permits for one location (14 days). No formal policy on how long they have to leave before returning. Campers (hard sided) only allowed during 9 day gun season (in process of changing to allow all of bow season.)
Clark	Permit system	Yes	\$7 per night or \$42 per week, 21 night maximum. No minimum number of nights you must vacate
Jackson	Permit system	Yes	\$5 per night. Maximum stay 14 consecutive nights. Unattended units will be removed (24 hours or more)
Polk	Free Camping	No	Allowed to camp for free for up to 14 consecutive nights. No length specified between stays
Douglas	Permit system	No	\$25 for up to 10 consecutive days. Can purchase permits consecutively, but must be 1/2 mile apart from original site.
Price	Permit system	No	Allowed to camp for free for up to 14 consecutive nights. No length specified between stays. Must display permit on vehicle
Marathon	Permit system	No	Allowed to camp for free for up to 14 consecutive nights. One night away between stays. Must display permit on vehicle
Taylor	Free Camping	No	Allowed to camp for free for up to 14 consecutive nights. Must vacate the site for 48 hours before returning.
Oneida	Free Camping	No	Allowed to camp only during gun deer season. 10 night maximum stay, no charge
Oconto	Permit system	No	\$35 permit for up to 14 nights camping (1-14 covered by permit) Sites picked by administrator, must vacate for one night.
Vilas	Permit system	No	\$3/night only at sites designated by the county, but during gun season you can camp anywhere for \$3/night. 10 consecutive days is limit, then must leave for one
Rusk	Permit system	Over phone w cc	\$15 permit good for 14 days. Their office obtains the information on the permit
Monroe	N/A		Does not allow dispersed camping

***Free Camping= no registration or information obtained on camper, vehicle info, number in party, days staying, arrival date, etc...