

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center
227 1st Street W, Altoona WI 54720

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

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Election of committee officers
 - A. Chair
 - B. Vice-Chair
 - C. Appointment of committee clerk
3. Approval of minutes from April 12, 2016 meeting – Discussion/action
4. Public Input
5. Fitz/West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick– Discussion/action
6. Handicap ramp at Bedpost Park – Discussion/action
7. Lake Altoona Dam Repair Phase 2 Final Report – Discussion/action
8. Correspondence
9. Staff and committee reports
10. Parks & Forest and Exposition Advisory Committees - Appointment Policy - Discussion/action
11. Committee Education
12. Set Committee Meeting Dates/places – Discussion/action
13. Future and pending items

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center (2nd Floor meeting room)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jereme Rauckman, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association; Glory Adams, Advisory Committee Member; Larry Christianson, James Melville and Tom Zemattis, Eau Claire National Rifle Club; Jeff Thompson, Eau Claire Curling Club; Steve and Bonnie Haug, Lake Eau Claire Association/Bedpost Park; Steve Gibbs, Friend of NRA; Aaron Cobuslo, National Guard Marksmanship team; Jesse Henning, Eau Claire Police Department; Ron Cramer, Spencer Olson, Adam Prorok, and Aaron Ranallo, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department; Lance Gurney, Planning & Development Dept Director; and Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen, and Bobbi Barone

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 March 22, 2016 meeting – Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed for the March 22, 2016 Committee Meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
5. Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association Presentation of Powder Keg Entrance Fees – Jereme Rauckman presented a check for \$166 which represents 83 participants in the Powder Keg Bike and Snowshoe races. He said the numbers were down this year which could be due to low snow conditions.
4. Spring 2016 Timber Sale Bid Awards – Brooke reported that eleven loggers submitted bids and five loggers had high bids. Kevin asked that that the committee be provided detail of the bids. Paul made a motion to award timber sales to the highest bidder; motion carried 5-0.
7. Handicap Ramp at Bedpost Park – Steve Haug reported the Lake Management Steering Committee met and thought they may be able to help get the handicap access for Bedpost Park both financially and with writing grants. Kevin thought Steve should work with the lake association to get a plan and communicate all progress to Josh.
8. National Rifle Club Request for Lease Extension – Larry Christianson as well as other were present for this item. Larry stated the club is hoping for a 30 to 35 year lease with Eau Claire County. Steve Gibbs, member of Friends of the NRA was present. Steve explained that ranges with short term leases are not as apt to receive grants than long-term leases as the club is making a long-term commitment. As this range is 600 yards, and one of only 5 in the state, the range has a strong demand from military and police personnel to stay proficient at their jobs. Gary suggested Corporation Counsel draw up a lease covering reclamation of the site should the club vacate the range and be for a term of 30 years. Kevin suggested a long-range plan be a part of the leave and that a report be submitted annually to the committee. Further, the Corporation Counsel draft a lease as well the Eau Claire Rifle Club, then get together and negotiate a lease. Final agreed upon lease will be brought to the Parks & Forest Committee for action. Paul made a motion for the lease to be for a term of 30 years; motion carried.

12. Staff and committee reports – Lance Gurney was present to give an update on the Expo/Facilities Work Committee. Lance explained in 1994 when the Expo was built, the vision was for the County to build another facility and sell the current Expo Center to the Curling Committee. He said discussion on a vision for the future needs to take place. Josh and Lance have been working on a recommendation. Pat suggested the county could rent the facility from the Curling Club for fair, Dairy Breakfast, larger events. Jeff Thompson was present from the Curling Club but had no further input.
13. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
9. County Forest Camping Ordinance File 16-17.005 – After discussion, Paul moved to recommend adoption of resolution 16-17/007 with sentence “Thereafter, the camping until must be removed from the county forest for at least one night before the camping party is eligible to return” underlined. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Lake Altoona Dam Repair Phase 2 Final Report – Nothing to report.
13. Advisory Committee input and assignments: Nothing to report
14. Exposition Center Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Nothing to report.
15. Committee Education – Time did not allow.
16. Future and pending items: Next meeting date April 26, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at the Ag Center.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk