

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center
227 1st St West, Altoona

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 July 27, 2016 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Proposal for Consideration of Permit/fee change - Gale Otterholt
5. Lake Altoona Master Plan draft – Presentation by Phil Johnson, Ayres Associates - Discussion/action
6. Expo Center Event Parking Lot Signage – Discussion/action
7. Merging of Parks & Forest and Expo Advisory Committee – Discussion/action
8. 2017 Budget – Discussion/action
9. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
10. Expo Center Status Report – Discussion
11. Correspondence
12. Staff and committee reports
13. Committee Meeting Date/place Summer 2016 –Wednesday, August 24 5:00 p.m. – Tower Ridge Chalet with user groups
14. Future and pending items
15. Adjournment

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Loves Creek County Park
South Loves Creek Road, Eau Claire

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Tami Schraufnagel, Kevin Stelljes, and Bruce Willett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Clements, City of Altoona Planner; Laura Plummer, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association (CORBA); and Steve Edge, WDNR

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 July 13, 2016 meeting – Gary moved to approve the minutes; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
4. Altoona’s Park, Rec and Trails Planning process – Joshua Clement from the City of Altoona was present for this item. He explained he’s been tasked with developing a plan for the parks, trails, and recreation. He wondered if the county forester would be available to assist in some issues related to park lands. He was hoping to corroborate with the county in light of the Lake Altoona Master Plan being developed and that he and Josh Pedersen had met several times already. Questions were asked of Joshua about Lake Altoona Park being hooked up to city water and sewer and he responded that the cost would be several million dollars to do so.
5. Red Flint Firecracker Race Report – Laura Plummer was present and explained the handout provided to the committee members. The attendance numbers were up this year. Pat will report on the race to the county board.
6. Expo Center Status Report – Nothing more to report as the group hasn’t met since prior to the last meeting.
7. Stewardship Committee report – Kevin reported the committee has a draft of a 100 year plan and will be sending out to get input soon. The Frank land deal fell thru but there is another property the committee is interested in that may be available and within the county forest boundary. Kevin would like to have an appraisal done on the property. The consensus of the Parks & Forest Committee was to authorize the appraisal.

8. 2017 Budget Process – Josh passed out a draft of the 2017 budget. He explained the revenue projections are reduced primarily due to smaller grant-funded projects in 2017 as compared to 2016 and he has pulled back on timber revenue due to the down turn in the market. Expenditure reductions also due to a reduction in grant projects, no tree planting planned for 2017 and no new office furniture in 2017. The revenue surplus shown will be used to offset the Expo Center expenditure shortage, as was done for 2016. The Expo Center revenue is projected to be \$4,500 higher than 2016. The committee will have a final vote on the budget at the next meeting.
9. Correspondence – Josh reported the hand pump water in the picnic area at Harstad had tested bad and asked the committee if the handle should be pulled or the well abandoned. This pump is not used regularly and may be the reason it continues to have poor water test results whereas the campground hand pump seems to continue to be good. The committee was in favor of abandonment.
10. Staff & Committee Reports – Jody reported the canoe landing at Harstad Park was redone and showed the committee photos. The playground on the dayside at Coon Fork Lake Park was completed and being well used. Staff at Coon Fork had have very positive comments from the public on the playground. Kevin reported he appreciated the work done at Harstad Park by the Highway Department of grinding up the old asphalt.
11. Parks & Forest and Expo Advisory Committee appointment/consider restructuring – The committees have been having trouble filling the positions and the committee was asked if they felt the two committees should be combined into one. After some discussion, the committee asked for the issue to be brought back to the next meeting as it may require a code change to do so. Staff will research the issue and bring back a resolution if necessary to the next meeting.
12. Committee Meeting Dates – The next meeting will be held at the Ag Center beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 10.
13. Future and pending items – After some discussion, this item will be placed on future agendas to decide on the November meeting date.
14. Tour Facilities – Weather did not permit.

Pat entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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