

AGENDA

**County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center
227 1st St West, 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. Approval of minutes from September 27, 2016 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Final Report on Fitz Property – Appearance by Doug Burrows – Discussion
5. Coon Gut/Pinter Pines Management Plan – Discussion/action
6. Approval of Emergency Action Plan for Lake Altoona and Lake Eau Claire Dams Update – Discussion/action
7. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
8. Correspondence
9. Staff and committee reports
10. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
11. Committee Education
12. Next Meeting Date/place – Forestry Tour - Friday, October 28 – Meet at Noon, Ag Center
13. Future and pending items
14. Adjournment

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
WRR Environmental Services, 5200 Ryder Rd, Eau Claire

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraufnagel and Kevin Stelljes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Hager and Becky Anderson, WRR and Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Jamie Kuhl, 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. Tour of Phytoremediation Project at WRR – Betty Anderson and Jim Hager gave background information to the committee on the phytoremediation project prior to the tour. Betty and Jim then gave those in attendance a limited vehicle tour due to all the recent rain in the area.
3. Approval of minutes from August 24, 2016 meeting – Gary moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Brooke Ludwig, WDNR attending the meeting; motion carried 3-0.
4. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
5. Proposed change to reservation policy for picnic shelters and clubhouse – Jamie Kuhl, Park Ranger at Lake Altoona Park was present for this item. Jamie explained there were dates this current season that renters didn't follow thru on reservations and the facility sat empty. It appears that potential renters place a hold on several facilities then don't cancel those they are not intending to use. Jamie is suggesting changing to 100% online reservation booking and requiring 100% of the reservation fee be paid at the time of booking. He handed out a sheet with the proposed changes to the reservation policy and fees. This will require county code changes and an ordinance will be drafted as the committee agreed to the changes. Bruce made a motion to eliminate the surcharge for alcohol and increase reservation fees for Lake Altoona Park facilities \$25; motion carried 3-0. Josh also asked the committee if they would support an increase in camping fees and they agreed. Staff will provide 2016 revenue received at the next meeting as a consideration of fee changes.
6. Resolution 16-17/050 – Updating County Code regarding Expo Center Department structure and Advisory Committee – After discussion, Gary moved to adopt the ordinance and send to the county board; motion carried 3-0.

7. Resolution 16-17/026 Approving Extension of the Youth in Governance Program for the Committees on UW-Extension Education Committee, Judiciary and Law Enforcement and Expanding the Program to Include the Parks & Forest Committee - Pat made a motion to adopt the resolution but supported amending the resolution to reduce the GPA requirement from minimum 2.5 to 2.0 GPA and pay mileage to Youth serving on one of the three committees; motion carried 3-0.
8. Expo Center Status Report – Nothing to report.
9. Correspondence – Bobbi stated Kyle Reiter had submitted an application to the Parks & Forest Citizens Advisory Committee. Kyle worked at Coon Fork Park as a seasonal park attendant and has great interest in county parks. The appointment of Kyle would fill the final open seat on the combined committee. The consensus of the committee was to appointment Kyle Reiter for a term to end May 2018.
10. Staff and Committee Report – Pat reported getting a phone call from an individual that had gotten a violation notice. After some discussion, the committee agreed to dismiss the violation notice if an additional \$10 sticker as purchased. Pat will contact the individual. Jody reported that culverts were washed out on the ATV/Snowmobile Trails and were being repaired after the recent heavy rain. Also, protocols were challenged during that time due to the absence of an Emergency Government Coordinator but worked appropriately.
11. Future and pending items: Forestry Tour Date October 21 was discussed. The date may be changed to October 28. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Township Joint Meeting was set for November 17, not November 10 as previously suggested due to the 10th scheduled for final County Board budget action, but that later date will be finalized also at the next meeting.

Bruce moved to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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