

**AGENDA**  
**County Of Eau Claire**  
**Committees On Parks & Forest and Advisory**  
**Tuesday, March 28 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Ag & Resource Center**  
**227 1<sup>st</sup> St West, Altoona WI 54720**

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

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from March 14, 2017 Meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Request to use Tower Ridge Recreation Area by ROTC – Discussion/action
5. Lowes Creek Plan – Discussion/action
6. Beaver Creek Reserve Management Plan presentation– Discussion
7. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion/action
8. Lake Altoona Master Plan – Discussion/action
9. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
10. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion/action
11. Correspondence
12. Staff and committee reports
13. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
14. Future and pending items

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona WI 54720

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Field, Geoff Goodland, Letecia Papke, Jay Plummer,  
and Joelene Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester; Brad Windeshausen, Organizer for Winterfest, Gene Amann, United Cerebral Palsy "Snow Biz"; Kevin Erickson, LaCrosse Sign- Eau Claire; Ryan Bellows, Mike Aylieff, and Jeff Kramschuster, Winterfest/ice fisherman; Steve Stadler, Citizen; Mark Blaskey, Ski Striders; Laura Hurd and Lacy Sarh, Boy Scout Troop 124

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 February 28, 2017 Meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve minutes from the February 28 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present to speak on this item.
4. Lake Altoona Winterfest Ice Fishing complaints – Ryan Bellows stated that there was damage to the boat landing and the mud mats froze in the boat landing area. Jody stated department staff had met with Brad of Winterfest about the damage that would need to be repaired and stated much of the damage was caused by weather. The sign damage will be taken care of by Winterfest. Steve Stadler said two years ago ice fisherman were told to move their shacks or Winterfest would move them away from the beach area. Brad Windeshausen from Winterfest thanked Steve and Ryan for their input. Pat stated he would like to see the damaged repaired. Brad suggested a little education would help all groups. They want to hold Winterfest again at Lake Altoona and want to be good partners to everybody. Gene Aman with United Cerebral Palsy thanked the community for allowing the event to move to Lake Altoona from Brackett as they had outgrown that location. He said they were sorry for disturbing the ice fisherman and will try to do a better job in the future. Brad offered to have folks contact him with any suggestions for improvement.
5. Ski Striders Lighting Project at Tower Ridge – Mark Blaskey, Treasurer of Ski Sprites was present for this item. He explained they plan to replace the lights at Tower Ridge with LED bulbs and add more lighted trails. The change to LED's will reduce the electricity use by 80%. They have raised approximately 2/3 of the total funds needed for the project. Plaques will be approx. 4x10" to recognize donors mounted at the base of each light post. Gary made a motion to move forward with the lighting project; motion carried 5-0.
7. Proposal by Boy Scout Troop 124 to Adopt-A-Park for Lions Youth Camp – Laura Hurd and Lacy Sahr were present for this item. Laura said the troop mows and removes trash as well as cleaning the outhouses. The agreement would include camping on the site. After some discussion, it was noted other groups as well would like to use the Youth Camp and perhaps a reservable group camp could be established. Staff will check into the possibility of establishing a group camp area and bring back to the first meeting in April.

8. Lowes Creek Master Plan – Tami suggested she would like the Advisory Committee to work on the Master Plan. The plan would only be for the 75 acre site to be reclaimed. As this needs to be complete prior to Commonwealth beginning to reclaim the site, there likely isn't time for the Advisory Committee to come up with a recommendation for the site. Kevin suggested he would like to hire Ayres to develop the concept and moved to defer hiring anyone to develop a plan until the wetland delineation has been done; motion carried 5-0.
9. Lake Altoona Master Plan – Kevin moved to defer action until both the Advisory and Parks & Forest committee have reviewed the written report from Ayres; motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion of 2017 capital items/request to defer projects to 2018 – Josh passed around a list of capital project approved for 2017. He said the \$308,000 in the budget for the building will not be adequate as the architect estimated the cost for the building to be higher at \$403,000. Frank Draxler wanted to move the building in a different direction so Lien & Petersen Architects were hired to do architectural plans. Josh said the building is the priority as the prior building had been removed and equipment has been outside. He was asking the committee to defer capital items to 2018 so there will be adequate funds to get the building built this year. Items identified that could be deferred to 2018 were the truck, Harstad shelter rehab, Tower Ridge Driveway paving and the ATV. Josh explained the committee is required to approve deferring the projects and then send to Finance for approval. Kevin moved to have Josh go to Finance and explain dropping projects as necessary to cover increased cost of the building; motion carried 5-0.
10. Expo-Curling Club Lease Extension – Geoff Goodland reported that the HVAC system needs to be totally replaced. Tami asked if they were planning to add another sheet and Geoff said that depends on membership but that the HVAC system would be designed to handle that addition.
11. Stewardship Committee Report – Kevin reported the committee met today and are working on an interesting land deal that would open access to many acres of county forestland. They committee is also planning an event to be held at the Fitz Property in April.
12. Correspondence – Josh had received correspondence from an individual who had interest in trading property with the county. Kevin will take the issue to the Stewardship Committee for review.
13. Staff and Committee Report – Litter Workshop: Josh, Ken Thomson, Greg Leonard, and Brea, Recycling Coordinator met on dumping. Josh will be at WCFA meeting in Madison Wednesday thru Friday. Kevin and Josh met with the Rifle Club and are down to only a couple issues to negotiate. They expect the draft lease agreement will be presented to the committee in 60 to 90 days.
14. Advisory Committee – The Advisory Committee will be invited to the next committee meeting to discuss the final Lake Altoona Master Plan after reviewing the written report from Ayres Associates.
15. Future and pending – Nothing additional to report.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

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