

AGENDA
County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center
227 1st 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 May 9, 2017 Meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Tower Ridge Disc Golf Tournament Report and Illegal Parking Issue – Discussion
5. County Forest Tree Stand Policy - Discussion
6. Lake Altoona Master Plan – Discussion/action
7. To amend section 16.30.529 A.1.: County Forest Use Regulations – Discussion/action
8. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion/action
9. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
10. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion/action
11. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – Discussion/action
12. Set Summer Park Meeting dates – Discussion/action
13. Correspondence
14. Staff and committee reports
15. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Reappointments to Advisory Committee
16. Future and pending items – Next Meeting Wednesday, June 14 at Lake Eau Claire Park and Wednesday, June 28 at Lake Altoona Park

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona WI 54720

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester; Jay and Laura Plummer, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association; Greg Leonard, Land Conservation Division; Tim Moore, Veteran Services; Jane Dale, American Legion Auxiliary; Lori and Joe Bechtel, Fred Poss, Vicki Funne-Reed, Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire District; Kathryn Schauf, Eau Claire County Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt and Josh Pedersen

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 April 25, 2017 Meeting – Kevin made a motion to approve minutes from the April 25 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present to speak on this item.
10. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Josh stated there was nothing to report.
5. American Legion Post 53 Auxiliary request to use Expo Center September 21 and 22nd – Jane Dale with the American Legion Auxiliary and Tom Moore, Veterans Services were present. The event is called “Stand Down” will offer services to homeless veterans like a warm and nutritious meal, medical services, employment opportunities, as well as take away items like clothing, sleeping bags and hygiene items. Tim offered to supervise the event volunteers which will include set—up on September 21 and then during the event on the 22nd as well as take down. Kevin thought Tim should work with Clint. Bruce, a WWII veteran, made a motion to let the event take place at no charge with Tim Moore, Veteran’s Officer supervising volunteers and working with Clint; motion carried 5-0.
4. Award Timber Sales – Brooke answered questions on the timber sale bids. Tow sales received no bids and will be offered again the fall. Markets are down so Kevin advised Pat to include an explanation to the county board when reporting on the Spring Timber Sale results. Kevin made a motion to award the timber sales to the highest bidder; motion carried 5-0.
6. Request to add .19 FTE Forester to staff – Josh gave background information on the request. There is funding for this position and Human Resources has requested this be added to as permanent staff position at 400 hours annually. Kevin said it makes sense to keep the position as long as we are under our annual allowable cut. Bruce moved to establish this position as permanent; motion carried 5-0.
8. Lake Eau Claire Dredging Project – County Administrator Kathryn Schauf was present along with Greg Leonard, Land Conservation Division County Conservationist and stated the viability of lakes is essential to Eau Claire County. Kevin had contacted a and mine company about the possibility of using the spoils materials for reclamation of sand mines but hadn’t gotten word on their decision. Administrator Schauf suggestions all options be explored in order to come to an acceptable plan for all parties. Marlo stated they wanted to be good partners with the county to save the lakes for the future. Vicki Funne-Reed of the lake district is hoping to come up to a solution for the “long Haul” and trying to have a solution in place prior to needing the site to deposit spoils. Kevin proposed another site and

Brooke stated there will be increased costs. Administrator Schauf suggested Greg, Josh and Brooke do an analysis of sites suggested and bring back to next month's meetings. Tami suggested those sites be included in the park tour which was set for the 2nd Wednesday in June at Lake Eau Claire Park – June 14.

11. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – The county submitted a proposal to the Curling Club and are waiting for the Curler's Board to act on it.
9. Lake Altoona Master Plan – Josh talked with Phil Johnson about changing the plan to accommodate suggested changes in the plan by the Ski Sprites. Phil had not gotten back to Josh.
7. Amend county forest use regulations – Action deferred to the next meeting.
15. Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.
16. Future and pending – Next meeting: Discuss Park Plan and Forest Ordinance

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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1 Enrolled No.

2 ORDINANCE

3 File No. 17-18/020

4 - TO AMEND SECTION 16.30.529 A. 1. OF THE CODE BE AMENDED TO
5 READ: COUNTY FOREST USE REGULATIONS -

6 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire does ordain as follows:

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8 SECTION 1. That paragraph 1. of Subsection A. of Section 16.30.529 of the code be
9 amended to read:

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11 1. Overnight camping may be permitted in the county forest for a charge of \$10
12 for a period not to exceed 14 nights in succession, ~~except during the camping season May 1~~
13 ~~through~~ Between September 15 through December 15, ~~or the period when fees are charged for use~~
14 ~~of a county campground.~~ After camping 14 nights in succession, the camper may renew the
15 camping permit for one additional 14 night period for an additional fee of \$10. Thereafter, the
16 camping unit must be removed from the county forest for at least one night before the camping
17 party is eligible to return. Any camper or campers who violate the rules and regulations of this
18 chapter or of good conduct, including cutting or defacing timber, carelessness with fire, violation of
19 game, fish and litter regulations shall be subject to ejection from the county forest and subject to the
20 penalties provided by ordinances and state law.

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34 Committee on Parks and Forest

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