

AGENDA
County Of Eau Claire
Committees On Parks & Forest AND Parks & Forest Advisory
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Coon Fork Lake County Park Shelter
E25501 Cty Hwy CF, Augusta WI 54722

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 June 28, 2017 Meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Proposal by Boy Scout Troop 124 to Adopt Pinter Pines – Discussion/action
5. Resolution 17-18/037 Supporting an increase of “Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)” for county forest acres – Discussion/action
6. To amend section 16.30.529 A.1.: County Forest Use Regulations – Discussion/action
7. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion/action
8. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
9. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion/action
10. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – Discussion/action
13. Correspondence
14. Staff and committee reports
15. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
16. Tour park facilities
17. Future and pending items – Next Meeting 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday, July 26, at Lowes Creek County Park

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Lake Altoona County Park Clubhouse – 604 Beach Rd, Altoona WI 54720

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Stelljes

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Paddock, Tom Peterson, and Kyle Reiter

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester; Andy Tyriver, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association; Roger Sewatzky, Pete Luhnert, Arlene Kozenka, Chuck Hotvedt, Jeremy and Anna Nimz, Lake Altoona Park neighbors; and Vicki & Jesse James, Snowie Owners/operators

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:30 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2017 Meeting – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the June 14 meeting; motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present to speak on this item.
4. Request to allow food cart at Lake Altoona Park – Vicki and Jesse James, Owners of “Snowie” food cart were present and introduced themselves and the product. They explained the food cart is totally self-contained. No electricity is necessary. They will not compete with Ski Sprites during shows. They have all the licenses, permits and insurance and will contribute 10% of profits to the park. Tami moved to allow the Food Cart and the committee will review on an annual basis; motion carried 4-0. Jesse and Vicki invited all to sample the product after the meeting.
5. Lake Altoona Master Plan – Josh explained that the quote for revising the Master Plan is \$3910 and will be done in 45 days. Once the plan is approved by the county board, grants can be sought out and applied for. The public in attendance had concerns primarily about the parking area originally proposed for county property at the top of the hill. When the revised plan is finished, it will be posted on the county website and copies available to the public upon request to the department as well as a public hearing may be held.
8. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Josh stated he had met with the DNR, County Administrator, Ayres Associates, Commonweal Development and Greg Leonard with Land Conservation on-site. The only fill site available is the north pit. Commonweal Development will submit a plan to the Parks & Forest Committee.
6. County Forest Tree Stand Policy – After some discussion, Gary stated he wanted to leave the policy as is but add policy language that would prohibit ground blinds from being left up in the forest beyond end of daily hunting.
7. Amend County Forest Use Regulations – No action taken.

9. Timber Sale Extensions – Jody explained due to zero increases on all extensions last year, 2nd and 3rd extensions are less than would normally be applied. Gary made a motion to approve staff recommendations on extensions; motion carried 4-0.
10. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – The Curling Club and the county are still negotiating.
11. Stewardship Committee report – No report.
12. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – No report.
13. Correspondence – Josh shared resolutions from Bayfield and Florence Counties regarding increasing the PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from \$0.30 to \$2.00 an acre paid to townships for enrolled county forest Land (CFL). He asked the committee if they would support a similar resolution. They agreed and Josh will bring a resolution to the next meeting.
14. Staff & Committee member reports – Josh said the Boy Scout troop had contacted him and will be using the Pinter Pines property July 21. They will be attending the next meeting to talk about Adopting Pinter Pines. Tami wondered if they committee would support a memorial plaque to recognize Greg Kotecki for his years of service on the Lake District. Greg passed away May 31. Jed Kaurich introduced himself and stated he would be acting liaison forester for the next year as the DNR has reorganized programs and reassigned staff.
15. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Reappointments to the Advisory Committee – Bobbi passed around the list of Advisory Members with updated term expirations noting there was a vacancy. Gary moved to approve the term extensions as listed; motion carried 4-0.
15. Future and pending – Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m. at Coon Fork Lake County Park Dayside Shelter.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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**ADOPT-A-SITE
MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
FOR PINTER-PINES CAMP AREA**

This Agreement is made between Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Department ("County") and the Boy Scout Troup 124 ("Club").

I. TERM OF CONTRACT

Services under this Agreement shall commence July 12, 2017 and shall continue through July 11, 2018. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of Article II H. of this Agreement.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

It is agreed the Club will adopt the County owned cabins and out buildings, and be allowed to make improvements on County land at the Pinter-Pines site. The Committee on Parks & Forest will approve development plans in advance of development. Parks & Forest Department staff will be given oversight of the development. The County will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, including costs for the permits for development at the site. The Club will be responsible for developing the site from plans approved by the Committee on Parks & Forest. In addition to making improvements to the site, the Club is hereby obligated to perform maintenance tasks using both powered and non-powered tools at the site. The tasks will include the following:

- A. Picking up litter in the cabins and out building areas; reporting to the Parks & Forest Director or designee any hazards observed on or immediately adjacent to the camp area (downed trees or large branches, significant erosion, etc), pruning of vegetation encroaching that may take place only from October 1 to April 1 (unless an imminent hazard exists) due to oak wilt concerns; mowing of the site as necessary to keep oak from encroaching the pavilion area; reporting to the Parks & Forest Director or designee any signs that are missing, and will perform other periodic maintenance necessary to keep the youth camp in very good condition.
- B. The Club will contact the Parks & Forest Director or designee (at 839-4783) with questions or suggestions regarding any development and maintenance issues while performing this volunteer work.
- C. Club members will report any violations, vandalism, or otherwise inappropriate actions on the site and agree to forward vehicle license plates, or other identifying information of the parties involved, along with descriptions of the incidents, to the Parks & Forest Director or designee.
- D. The Club members will act as ambassadors of the Pinter-Pines Camp to others using the site by taking the time to assist other users.
- E. The Club agrees to not place any signs or structures at the site without permission from the County.
- F. The Club agrees to have a County Volunteer Waiver of Liability form completed by all volunteers assisting with site development and maintenance with the forms being returned to the Parks & Forest Director prior to work being performed.
- G. The Club, its members, and anyone else performing volunteer maintenance on this County site agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** Eau Claire County from any claims or

damages resulting out of their own personal injuries or losses while performing volunteer labor. The Club understands this assumption of risk and that it is binding upon the Club's members, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying the Club's members during volunteer labor.

- H. The County and Club reserve the right to terminate this Adopt-A-Park Maintenance Agreement upon violation of any condition or upon 30 days written notice by either party for any reason, whatsoever.
- I. The Club agrees that after development, all improvements become County property with no obligation on the County's part to maintain the site for any particular period of time.
- J. The County agrees to accept the Club's obligation to maintain the site for as long as the Club maintains such interest, subject to the rights to termination mentioned above.
- K. The Club will be allowed to use the Pinter-Pines Camp for scouting activities free of charge. Notice must be provided to the Parks and Forest Director 14 days in advance of planned scout outings to make sure no other groups have booked the area.

III. NOTICES

Notices required or deemed advisable under this Agreement shall be placed in writing and delivered personally or by registered or certified mail upon the County to: Josh Pedersen, Director, Parks and Forest Dept., 227 1st Street W., Altoona, WI 54720; and upon the Club to: Laura Hurd (Committee), Troop 124, 3204 Glenhaven Place, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

The entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral and all negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the Club and the County relating to the subject matter.

Both parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of two (2) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 124 CLUB BY:

Laura Hurd, Troop 124 Committee

(Date)

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARKS & FOREST DEPARTMENT BY:

Josh Pedersen, Parks & Forest Director

(Date)

4 - SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FOR
5 COUNTY FOREST LANDS-

6 WHEREAS, collectively, counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of land in Wisconsin,
7 making County forests the largest public ownership in the state; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin currently provides \$.30 per acre to towns with county
10 forest property enrolled in the County forest Land (CFL) program; and

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12 WHEREAS, this \$.30 per acre goes to pay for town roads, elections and emergency services;
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15 WHEREAS, the rate of \$.30 per acre was set in 1989 and has not changed over the past 28
16 years; and

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18 WHEREAS, costs to provide road, election and emergency services have increased
19 dramatically since 1989; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Federal Forest Payment in Lieu of Taxes is \$2 per acre; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin pays on average at least \$10 per acre for lands not on
24 the tax roll but owned by the State.

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26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
27 supports an increase in the fee paid to towns from \$.30 to \$2 per acre for County Forest Land
28 enrolled in the CFL program.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the
31 county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing
32 Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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