

## AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire  
Committees On Parks & Forest, Parks & Forest Advisory;  
Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization, Chippewa Valley Trailriders,  
and Eau Claire Ski Striders  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.  
Tower Ridge Chalet  
955 S 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Eau Claire 54701

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

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Introduction of Attendees
3. Approval of minutes from July 26, 2017 meeting – Discussion/action
4. Public Input
5. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion
6. Final Review 2018 Budget – Discussion/action
7. Discussion regarding Tower Ridge by User Groups:
  - a. Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization
  - b. Chippewa Valley Trailriders
  - c. Eau Claire Ski Striders
8. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
9. Correspondence
10. Staff and committee reports
11. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, August 23 - 5:30 p.m. at Exposition Center.
12. Future and pending items
13. Adjournment

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m.  
Lowes Creek County Park Shelter – 5238 S Lowes Creek Rd, Eau Claire 54701

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraufnagel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt and Josh Pedersen

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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 28, 2017 Meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve minutes from the July 12 meeting; motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present to speak on this item.
4. Non-motorized Traffic in parks – Discussion ensued about the type of vehicles, enforcement, etc. The committee asked staff to bring information back to the next meeting regarding what other county and state policies are.
5. To amend section 16.30.529 A.1. County Forest Use Regulation – Bobbi explained that after reviewing Chapter 16 regarding special use areas, the ordinance as written should be approved if it was the committee's decision to do so as the special use areas are discussed in Chapter 16 elsewhere. Plus, Pinter Pines should be added as a special use area. Gary moved to accept the ordinance changes for county forest camping; motion carried 4-0.
6. Review of 2018 Budget – Josh presented a draft of the 2018 budget. He discussed changes to revenue accounts and reasons for the changes. Expenditure increases are largely due to personnel costs. The committee was to communicate with Josh anything they wished to change after a more thorough review. Josh will present the final 2018 budget to the committee at the next meeting August 9.
7. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation – Jamie and Stuart from Commonwealth Development sent Josh a preliminary plan for Lowes Creek. Committee approval of the plan is necessary before they can move forward with any reclamation.
8. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – Nothing to report.
9. Stewardship Committee report – Nothing to report.
10. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – Kevin stated water and sewer at the site should be discontinued and replaced with pit and/or composting toilets. His thought was to make the site more rustic – without heaters but using wood for heat. He will bring in his ideas and share with the committee at a future meeting.

There were no items 11 or 12 on the agenda

13. Correspondence – Nothing to report.

14. Staff & Committee member reports – Jody said the “zipline” at Coon Fork is in need of repair and out of order at this time. They have ordered the necessary parts for the repair and hope to have it operable soon. Kevin said some docks and a pontoon washed down the river below Harstad Park. The owner of the pontoon has been contacted but owner of dock parts are unknown. Kevin will try to pinpoint the exact location of the docks so staff can plan for removal.
15. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – The Advisory Committee will be invited to the next meeting as well as Laura Hurd and the user groups at Tower Ridge.
16. Tour park facilities –Those in attendance were encouraged to inspect park areas that interested them on their own.
17. Future and pending – Next meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. at Tower Ridge Recreation Area Chalet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

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## 2018 Budget - Revenue & Expenditures

	Parks & Forest Department	
	Revenue	Expenditures
Snowmobile Trail	\$216,994	\$216,994
ATV Trail	\$45,200	\$45,200
Administration	\$53,000	\$180,772
Parks, Gen	\$210,330	\$392,311
Coon Fork	\$139,350	\$117,032
Harstad	\$8,600	\$2,002
Lake Altoona	\$19,151	\$117,342
Lake Eau Claire	\$4,800	\$81,965
Phillips Park	\$0	\$150
Big Falls	\$2,700	\$10,520
Loves Creek	\$800	\$650
Forestry	\$914,625	\$337,191
Wildlife Habitat	\$2,486	\$2,486
State Aid Forest Roads	\$5,630	\$56,868
Expo Center	\$77,800	\$139,983
	<u>\$1,701,466</u>	<u>\$1,701,466</u>

**Parks and Forest Revenue Projections**

Account	Variance	Projected		Budget	Grants
		2018	2017	2017	
43571 - Snowmobile Trail	\$143,369	\$216,994	\$93,838	\$73,625	\$216,994
43572 - ATV Trails	\$24,390	\$45,200	\$43,114	\$69,590	\$45,200
43584 - Wildlife Habitat	\$0	\$2,486	\$14,777	\$2,486	\$2,470
43585 - Conesevation Aids	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
43586 - State Aid Forest Road	\$0	\$5,630	\$5,647	\$5,630	\$5,630
43586-001 - Sustainable Forestry Grant	\$0	\$0	\$43,043	\$0	
43587 - Administration Grant	\$1,000	\$53,000	\$83,304	\$52,000	\$53,000
43587 - - Membership Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
46720 - Reservation Fees (CF camping)	\$1,900	\$13,400	\$13,250	\$11,500	
46720-001 - Park Entrance Fees	\$51,040	\$188,130	\$145,250	\$137,090	
46721 - Coon Fork Shelter	\$0	\$100	\$19	\$100	
46722 - Coon Fork Camping	\$8,600	\$88,000	\$87,900	\$79,400	
46723 - Coon Fork firewood	\$0	\$8,400	\$7,800	\$8,400	
46724 - Coon Fork Concession	\$265	\$3,850	\$3,900	\$3,585	
46724-001 Coon Fork Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
46724-002 - Coon Fork Electricity	\$1,750	\$17,500	\$18,500	\$15,750	
46724-003 - Coon Fork Equipmt Rental	\$615	\$7,400	\$7,500	\$6,785	
46724-004 - Coon Fork Showers	\$1,770	\$0	\$0	\$1,770	
46724-005 - Coon Fork Sewer Dumping	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$450	
46724-006 - Coon Fork Violations	\$0	\$700	\$500	\$700	
46725 - Harstad Camping	\$2,830	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$4,670	
46726 - Harstad Firewood	\$24	\$800	\$795	\$776	
46727 - Harstad Shelter	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	
46727-001 - Harstad violations	\$0	\$200	\$250	\$200	
46728-000 - Lake Altoona Concessions	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	
46729 - Lake Altoona Shelter	\$0	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	
46730 - Lake Altoona clubhouse	\$0	\$14,900	\$14,000	\$14,900	
46730-002 - Lake Altoona Boat Launching	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$0	
46730-003 - Lake Altoona Park violations	\$0	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,500	
46731 - Lake Eau Claire Concession	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
46732 - Lake Eau Claire Shelter	\$0	\$1,050	\$850	\$1,050	
46733 - Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse	\$217	\$3,250	\$2,500	\$3,467	
46733-001 - Lake Eau Claire donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
46733-003 - Lake Eau Claire Violations	\$250	\$500	\$250	\$250	
46735-000 - Tower Ridge chalet rent	\$150	\$1,350	\$1,300	\$1,500	
46735-001 - Tower Ridge Winter Fees	\$0	\$18,500	\$21,745	\$18,500	
46735-002 - Tower Ridge violations	\$0	\$300	\$195	\$300	
46736-001 - Big Falls donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
46736-003 - Big Falls violations	\$0	\$2,700	\$2,100	\$2,700	
46736-002 - Lowes Creek donations	\$0	\$0	\$57	\$0	
46736-004 - Lowes Creek violations	\$0	\$800	\$525	\$800	
46739-000 - Other Revenue - Parks	\$0	\$0	\$1,228	\$0	
46739-001 - Hat & Shirt Sales	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	
46740-000- Expo Rent	\$4,000	\$42,500	\$40,554	\$46,500	
46740-001- Expo Winter Storage Fees	\$4,800	\$20,800	\$20,840	\$16,000	
46744-000- Expo Utilities	\$1,500	\$14,500	\$16,058	\$13,000	
46810 - Timber Sales	\$4,806	\$913,175	\$925,000	\$908,369	
46811 - Tree Planter Rental	\$0	\$450	\$200	\$450	
46812 - Firewood Sales	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	
46813-000 - Other Revenue - Forestry	\$0	\$500	\$1,183	\$500	
	<b>\$191,772</b>	<b>\$1,701,466</b>	<b>\$1,628,672</b>	<b>\$1,509,694</b>	<b>\$325,094</b>

# 2018 Budget Expenditures

Account	2018	2017	Difference	Primary Reason for Increase/Decrease
56150- Expo Center	\$139,983	\$139,297	\$686	N/A
56440 - Snowmobile Trails	\$216,994	\$73,625	\$143,369	3 bridge replacement versus 1 in 2017
56441 - ATV Trails	\$45,200	\$69,590	-\$24,390	Only one small trail rehab project for 2018
56500 - Parks Administration	\$180,772	\$174,057	\$6,715	Personnel and Benefit increases
56510 - Parks General	\$392,311	\$369,427	\$22,884	Staff change from .36 FTE to .73 FTE
56511 - Coon Fork	\$117,032	\$97,801	\$19,231	Increases in seasonal workers salaries (+\$1.71 more per hour)
56512 - Harstad	\$2,002	\$2,002	\$0	N/A
56513 - Big Falls	\$10,520	\$9,500	\$1,020	Increases in seasonal workers salaries (+\$1.71 more per hour)
56514 - Lake Altoona	\$117,342	\$106,635	\$10,707	Switch from single insurance to Family plan
56515 - Lake Eau Claire	\$81,965	\$78,317	\$3,648	Increases in seasonal workers salaries (+\$1.71 more per hour)
56516 - Phillips Park	\$150	\$150	\$0	N/A
56517 - Lowes Creek	\$650	\$650	\$0	N/A
57110 - County Forest	\$337,191	\$316,157	\$21,034	Tree Planting in 2018, none in 2017, general increases
57131 - State Aid Forest Roads	\$56,868	\$70,000	-\$13,132	Scaled back road work with other projects lined up
57310- Wildlife Habitat	\$2,486	\$2,486	\$0	N/A
	<b>\$1,701,466</b>	<b>\$1,509,694</b>	<b>\$191,772</b>	

## FEE CHANGE

<b>Department:</b>	Parks and Forest
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Josh Pedersen
(Phone):	839-4787
<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/1/2018

County Code Section List Chronologically	Current Fee Amount	New or Revised Fee Amount	Reason For Change	Anticipated or Increased Annual Revenue	Governing Committee Vote and Date of Approval
16.30.040					
Recreation Area Entrance Fee per Motor Vehicle	\$3.00	\$5.00	This rate has not changed since 2004. Other park systems (state and Jackson County) have raised rates in the previous years.	\$41,050.00	
Recreation Area Entrance Fee per Motor Vehicle	\$25 annually	\$30 Annually	Coincides with the raise of the daily entrance pass. Rate has not been changed since 2008	\$9,990.00	
Coon Fork County Park Fees					
Camping	\$15/night Off Lake	\$17/ night off lake	In 2017 we added on demand hot water to our shower houses and took out the coin operated showers. Now the showers are included in nightly camping fees. We are also proposing eliminating the \$1 dumping fee for septage. In addition we would like to eliminate our \$2 per transaction fee for using credit cards and include that fee in the nightly rate. Jackson County and Clark County are implementing similar/higher rate increases in their campgrounds in 2018 as well.	\$10,358.00	
	\$75/ week off Lake	\$85/ Week off lake		included above	
	\$18/ night on lake	\$20/ night on lake		included above	

