

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committees On Parks & Forest and Parks & Forest Advisory
Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Eau Claire County Exposition Center

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 August 9, 2017 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Review Final Lake Altoona Master Plan – Discussion/action
5. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project – Discussion/action
6. Highway Department Proposal - Discussion
7. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
8. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
9. Correspondence
10. Staff and committee reports
11. Future and pending items
12. Next Meeting Date/place – Tuesday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m., Ag & Resource Center
13. Adjournment

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COMMITTEES ON PARKS & FOREST
AND PARKS & FOREST ADVISORY;
CHIPPEWA VALLEY DISC GOLF ORGANIZATION, CHIPPEWA VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS, AND
EAU CLAIRE SKI STRIDERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Tower Ridge Recreation Area Chalet – 955 S 82nd Ave, Eau Claire

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Kirk Dahl, Tom Field, Michael Lea, Letecia Papke, and Jay Plummer

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester; Laura Plummer, Linda Slowiak, Dustin and Amy Marsh, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association (CORBA); Sue Lindstedt, Eau Claire Ski Striders; Annette Lindeman, Chippewa Valley Trail Riders; Mark and Matthew Berg, Boy Scout Troop 30; Greta and Michelle Glaser, Eau Claire Ski Sprites

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt and Josh Pedersen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:35 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Introduction of attendees – All in attendance introduced themselves and who they represented.
3. Approval of minutes from July 26, 2017 Meeting – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the July 26 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – Michelle and Greta Glaser were present representing the Eau Claire Ski Sprites. Michelle asked if the committee would be willing to waive entrance fees for the Sunday, August 13 “Ski for Support” show from 5 to 9 p.m. The donations normally used from shows for gas, repairs, etc will be donated to the Marshfield Cancer Care Center to benefit patients. The committee consensus was to waive fees for the time period requested on the condition the Ski Sprites advertise free parking as authorized by the Parks & Forest Committee for the County Board. Michelle and Greta said they could do that.
5. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Stuart Schaefer and Jamie Radabaugh were present from Commonweal Development to discuss the project and the latest plan after the wetland delineation was done. Stuart explained that the Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources was contacted about getting the wetlands reclassified but were unable to do so. The current plan uses about 200,000 cubic yards of fill. The agreement would include restoration of any trail or road damage done by the activity. Pat asked if the monitor wells would be impacted and Stuart said if they did, they would be elevated as necessary. Laura and Jay Plummer suggested Pit B may not be buildable due to wetness as CORBA had tried to build trails in that area. Stuart will look into it. Pat questioned the elevation increase and how it would be achieved. Stuart said a professional trail designer had come up with the plan and he couldn't answer specific questions and explained the trail designer had not been to the site so there may need to be alterations. Kevin said the initial proposal was to refill the pits. Since they are considered largely wetlands and not fillable, this is now being considered a mountain bike park. Stuart said the County Board had expressed desire, in his opinion, to enhance recreational opportunities. Kevin stated he disagreed. Gary would like input from CORBA on the plan and wondered if they could guarantee it wouldn't wash out and cause expense to the county for CORBA? Stuart felt confident something could be constructed and matter/vegetated that would stabilize the area. Laura said maintenance cost and longevity of trails needed to be considered and who would be responsible for upkeep beyond the one year. Pat asked about prior commitments from Commonweal Development

and Stuart stated they had not changed from their original offer. Tami asked if a public hearing would be needed? Gary thought it wouldn't be necessary. Stuart said it was estimated to take 8-9 weeks to haul the material. Pat asked that the committee receive any updates on the project as they become available and Stuart agreed. Kevin wanted to see park enhancement for all users. Stuart said time didn't allow. This will be on the next agenda for action pending additional information received and reviewed.

6. Final Review of 2018 Budget – Josh stated the updated budget includes insurance costs not included in draft budget. Bruce stated he felt it was a good budget and moved to approve as submitted; motion carried.
7. Discussion regarding Tower Ridge by User Groups:
 - a. Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization (CVDGO) – Tom Field was in attendance representing CVDGO. He said new T's were installed and the tournament went well. The tentative date for 2018 tournament is May 18-20. Next year they were hoping to install more T's.
 - b. Chippewa Valley Trail Riders – Annette Lindeman was in attendance representing the Trail Riders. She said everything was fine in her view. No conflicts occurred. Kevin asked about developing a horse camp in the area and if there would be interest. Annette said most people would want two days of riding if they were to camp and the area didn't offer that.
 - c. Eau Claire Ski Striders - Sue Lindstedt was in attendance representing the Ski Striders. She said they were fund raising for the lighting project and have raised more than \$28,000. The plan is to expand the lighted trail, replace poles as necessary and switch to LED bulbs next summer. They plan to continue Kickin Kids in January and February. The Learn to Ski for adults is set for February 5 and 12.Groups will contact Bobbi when firm dates are set for other events that would require use of the chalet.
8. Stewardship Committee Report – Nothing to report.
9. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
10. Staff & Committee member reports – Josh reported the new maintenance building construction is started with the floor poured and plumbing and electrical roughed in. The actual building should start going up next week. Josh will invite a representative from the Sheriff's Department to discuss speed limits for ATV to a future meeting.
11. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Pat asked for comments from any of the members in attendance.
12. Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 23 – 5:30 p.m. at the Expo Center
13. Future and pending – Nothing to report

Pat adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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LAKE ALTOONA

NEW BUOY LAYOUT

SUN SPORTE SHOW AREA

FUTURE PARK EXPANSION

GRASS PARKING WITH ASPHALT DRIVE

MAIN OFFICE

MAINTENANCE YARD

ADDITIONAL ON-STREET PARKING
FOOD TRUCKS
LARGE GATHERING AREA

CABANA BEACH AREA

CONCESSIONS RESTROOM

BEACHFRONT GAZEBO

WATER PLAY PLATFORM
>12 YEARS OLD

DOCK
4-SEASON SHELTER
CAPACITY-150

EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH

TRANSIENT DOCKS

SERVICE ACCESS TO PAVILIONS
ON CONCRETE PATH

RESTROOMS

BERM

HANDICAP PARKING

PLAYGROUND

GREAT LAWN

PAVILION WITH FIRE FEATURE
(CAPACITY-40)

PAVILION WITH OUTDOOR KITCHEN
(CAPACITY-80)

PAVILION WITH FIRE FEATURE
(CAPACITY-40)

CONTAINED ACCESS

ADDITIONAL ON-STREET PARKING

EXISTING PARKING

POTENTIAL PAVILION SUPPORT AREA