

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
Fitz Property – Intersection Hwy 37 & CTH Z

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 September 13, 2017 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Fitz Property Project Report and Tour - Discussion
5. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion
6. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
7. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
8. Correspondence
9. Staff and committee reports
10. Future and pending items
11. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m., Ag & Resource Center
12. Adjournment

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resouce Center

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester; Roger Sawatzky, Chuck Hotvedt, and Amanda Nimz, Lake Altoona Park neighbors; Larry Christianson, James Melville, Tom Zemaitis, Cliff Beklin and Lynn Thompson, Eau Claire National Rifle Club; Joshua Clements, City of Altoona; Jody Olsen, Paul Lokken and Bob Afdahl, Citizens.

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt, Jamie Kuhl 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 August 23, 2017 Meeting – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the August 23 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present to speak other than issues listed on the agenda.
4. Rifle Range Lease Agreement Report – Larry Christianson was present from the National Rifle Club to give an update on the Lease Agreement for the range and handed out a report to the committee. Things were progressing on the lease agreement which needs to be in ratified by the county board prior to January 1, 2018. Kevin stated his concerns were being addressed such as boundary identification, noise and lead. The lease will be for a 20 year period with two 5-year extensions possible.
5. Lowes Creek Par Reclamation Project Update – Josh said he had gotten word that they were moving material onto the site but after investigation found it was material being moved to WRR . Josh stated he had gotten a revised agreement that was not signed by Commonweal Development, however, it did address all the committee concerns voiced at the last committee meeting.
6. Approve Final Lake Altoona Master Plan – Josh summarized the changes made to the plan – elimination of the splash pad and concession stand, adding food cart area and moving restrooms closer to the beach. Gary made a motion to move the plan forward to the County Board. Discussion ensued with three neighbors to the park voicing their concerns. Kevin said he was supportive of the plan as presented. Josh Clement, Planner with the City of Altoona, spoke to issues of traffic, etc. He added that the River Prairie Plan was 10 years in the making and went through significant changes prior to any development occurring. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Stewardship Committee Report – Kevin said things are moving very slowly and that the Cascade Property which would give access to county forestland may be considering selling the property.
8. Expo/Curling Lease Extension – Nothing to report.
9. Correspondence – Josh and Jody reported they had spoken to the Eau Claire Youth Leadership earlier in the day and the Leadership Eau Claire group would be stopping at a county forest location and Jody and Jake giving a talk to the group next week.
10. Staff & Committee member reports – Jody reported the construction on the new building at Lake Eau Claire had started up again. .

11. Future and pending – Nothing to report

12. Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fitz Property, Hwy 37 and CTH Z.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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