

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona

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 27, 2017 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion
5. Establish Financial Terms for Timber Sales – Discussion/action
6. County Forest Special Use Areas – Discussion/action
7. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
8. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
9. Correspondence
10. Staff and committee reports
11. Future and pending items – Set date for Forestry Tour – October 20 or 27
12. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m., Ag & Resource Center
13. Adjournment

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Fitz Property, Intersection Hwy 37 & CTH Z

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Stelljes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester; Doug Burrows, Stewardship Committee; Stuart Schaefer, Commonweal Development; and Bob Afdahl, Citizen.

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone 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 September 13, 2017 Meeting – Tami made a motion to approve minutes from the September 13 meeting; motion carried 3-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present to speak.
4. Fitz Property Project Report and Tour – Doug Burrows was present to give those in attendance a report on the history and future plans for the property. He said the south 38 acres will be tilled and cropped for one year and then next fall it will be seeded down to grass and forbes. He said lots of buckthorn was found on the property and was treated. The long-term plan is to create a prairie with paths and pollinator plots. The property is not being developed for hunting at this point.
5. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Stuart Schaefer from Commonweal Development was present and handed out a copy of the initial wetland delineation done in May and then the DNR Wetland Concurrence showing two additional wetland areas that were identified. Also, he offered two plans for the site. After discussion, the consensus of the committee was to move forward with the second option requiring 140,000 cubic yards of material and for Commonweal Development with work with Josh on the project. He added it will take 2-3 weeks to secure permits prior to any work starting on the project.
6. Stewardship Committee report – No report.
7. Expo/Curling Lease Extension – Nothing to report.
8. Correspondence – Jed Kaurich, DNR Liaison Forester, said the Partnership Meeting between DNR and Eau Claire County staff was held. They discussed the past year and plans for the future. Josh said he and Corporation Counsel were reviewing Chapter 16 of the county code. He asked the committee if they wanted to review the proposed changes prior to sending to Administration Committee and the committee stated they did want to.
9. Staff & Committee member reports – Nothing to report.
10. Future and pending – Nothing to report
11. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag & Resource Center, Altoona.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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