

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Wednesday, December 13, 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 November 15, 2017 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Request to continue Kickin' Kids Free Monday Ski Nights 4 pm to close at Tower Ridge months of January and February– Discussion/action
5. Award Fall Timber Sales – Discussion/action
6. 2018 Timber Sale Extension Requests – Discussion/action
7. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Discussion
8. Establish Financial Terms for Timber Sales – Discussion/action
9. Approval of 2018 Work Plan – Discussion/action
10. Approval of Resolution 17-18.093 Administration Grant resolution – Discussion/action
11. County Forest Special Use Areas – Discussion/action
12. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
13. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
14. Correspondence
15. Staff and committee reports
16. Advisory Committee Reports/assignments
17. Future and pending items
18. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, January 10 at 5:00 p.m., Ag & Resource Center
19. Adjournment

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Richie

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Bechtel and Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire Association; Nathan Lillie and Tiffany Tibbits, Wisconsin High School Cycling Club; Brian Sandy and Paul Wilkes, WinterFest; Wyatt Pajtagh, Carl Osterberg, and Nathan Johnson, UW-EC Cross Country Ski Club; James Melville and Cliff Berlin, Eau Claire Rifle Club

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen and Jake Tumm

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 October 10, 2017 Meeting and October 20, 2017 Tour – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the October 10 meeting and October 20 Tour; motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
6. Request to hold a Wisconsin High School Cycling Race at Lowes Creek Park – Tiffany Tibbits and Nathan Lillie presented their request to the committee. The race would only use the east side of Lowes Creek Park but would be a two-day event limiting the public to using the west side only. Kevin moved to approve the race October 7 with racers paying \$2 and renting Expo Center facilities are needed; motion carried 4-0.
5. Request to hold a Cross-Country Ski Race by UW-EC Cross Country Ski Club at Tower Ridge Recreation Area - Wyatt Pajtagh, Carl Osterberg, and Nathan Johnson were present for this item and explained that this event, either February 3 or 4th, would be only in the morning and no trail closure to the public would be necessary. Participants would be required to pay the entrance fee. Tami moved to approve the race February 3 or 4, 2018; motion carried 4-0.
7. Request to hold Winter Fest 2018 at Lake Altoona Park – Brian Sandy from Eau Claire Press and Paul Wilkie from King Pin Management were present to explain the event and get approval from the committee to hold the event February 2 and 3rd. Brian asked if the stops from the beach parking lot could be pulled prior to frozen conditions and picnic tables moved prior to any major snowfall. Paul Wilkes from King Pin was handling security. They plan on more shuttles to reduce need for parking on ice. Brian has been meeting with ice fisherman to try and remedy issues from last year's event. Gary moved to approve Winter Fest; motion carried 4-0.
8. Lake Eau Claire Association dredge site road building request on Hay Creek – Marlo Orth and Lori Bechtel were present. Marlo explained that in order to utilize the deposit site on NL, a road needs to be built from Hay Creek to NL. The Parks & Forest Department has agreed to do the road building with the lake association paying for fuel and fill. The project would be done next fall and dredging operation to happen later. Tami moved approval of project with Parks & Forest staff assisting; motion carried 4-0.
9. Eau Claire National Rifle Club Lease Resolution – Kevin said he had a few issues yet with the agreement. Since the president of the rifle club could not be present, action on the resolution was postponed until the next Parks & Forest Meeting. The club plans to have another meeting with the county prior to the next Parks & Forest committee meeting.

4. Fall Timber Sales – Jake presented the timber sales and asked questions of the committee. He explained that there will be two additional sales that are being resold as they were returned. The fourteen sales total the annual allowable cut as established in the 15 year plan. Tami made a motion to approve the sales as presented; motion carried 4-0.
10. County Forest Code Changes resolution 17-18.068 – Josh explained that he and Keith Zehms of Corporation Counsel went through Chapter 16 as part of the strategic planning process. Gary moved to approve the resolution; motion carried 4-0.
11. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Nothing to report.
12. Stewardship Committee report – Kevin reported the Stewardship Committee was working on adopting a “Vision Statement” and policy. He passed around a draft for the committee to review and bring any comments back to the next committee meeting.
13. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – Josh said at the last meeting he had with the Curling Club they were looking at updating the Expo Center.
14. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
15. Staff & Committee member reports – Jody said he had gotten a call on Monday about vandalism that happened over the weekend of on the ATV River Trail to CTH H. Signs were destroyed, garbage thrown all over and the grader windows were broken out. Jed reported the proscribed burn was done last week at the state Natural Area that was visited on the tour.
16. Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag & Resource Center, Altoona.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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4 -ADOPTING THE 2018 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR THE PARKS AND FOREST
5 DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT
6 PROGRAM-

7 WHEREAS, each year the county is eligible to receive 50% of the actual salary and up to
8 50% of the fringe benefit costs of a county-employed professional forester in the position of
9 county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator, except that the fringe
10 benefits may not exceed 40% of the position's annual salary; and

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12 WHEREAS, the parks and forest director, in his position, qualifies for this funding; and

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14 WHEREAS, per Wisconsin Statutes 28.11 (5) (b) and Chapter NR 47.75 of the
15 Wisconsin Administrative Rules for the county forest administration grant program, the county
16 board must approve an annual county forest work plan which must also be approved by the
17 department of natural resources to comply; and

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19 WHEREAS, the 2018 Annual Work Plan implements projects included in the adopted
20 2018 budget and other projects involving only staff time with no other budget expenditures; and

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22 WHEREAS, a copy of the approved 2018 Annual Work Plan and a copy of this adopted
23 resolution must be received by the department of natural resources prior to January 31, 2018.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
26 Supervisors hereby adopts the attached 2018 Annual Work Plan for the parks and forest
27 department.

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41 Committee on Parks and Forest

42 Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.