

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center (2nd floor meeting room)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Berg, Representative of Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association (CORBA)

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt and Bobbi Barone

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Stelljes at 5:00 p.m.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
3. Approval of meeting minutes from January 14, 2019 meeting – Pat moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – Brad Berg was present as a representative to speak about fees for CORBA Events. This item will be placed on the April agenda for consideration. Brad Berg will provide materials prior to the meeting.
5. DNR Fire Report – Jed Kaurich was not able to attend due to a scheduling conflict. He wanted to give the committee a report on the 2018 fire activity and the forthcoming bill for two fires in Eau Claire County. Jed will be invited to the next committee meeting.
6. Tower Ridge Gun-Deer Hunting Season - Josh passed around a memo he had received from Keith Zehms in response to the committee’s question about allowing both deer hunting and skiing at Tower Ridge. The consensus of the committee was not to change the policy or code.
7. National Rifle Club Lease – Josh, Kevin and Bert had met with some Rifle Club members. Kevin and Bert noted the Rifle Club did not fulfill their lease obligation to do a sound survey by June 30, 2018 which would be cost shared with the County. After discussion, Bert moved to have Corporation Counsel notify the National Rifle Club that the County will grant an extension to complete the sound study by June 30, 2019 to be in compliance with the lease; motion carried.
8. Kussman Property report – Josh noted the appraisal was in the committee’s packet and reminded the committee Mr. Kussman had agreed to pay for half the cost of the appraisal. The committee directed Josh to share the appraisal with Mr. Kussman and make an offer to him based on the committee discussion.
9. Lake Altoona Park Well/Septic Update – Josh talked with Dan Peterson from the Health Department about what historical septic system information the Health Department had. Dan stated that the system would not meet code today and if found to be failing, the Health Department would not give permits for repairs but would need to issue a cease order. Dan also said there were a couple of tests that could be done to determine the functionality of the system. Kevin will speak with Frank and Kathryn. Nothing can be done until summer when water distribution system will also be evaluated.
10. Advisory Committee Direction/Expectation – Bobbi stated the committee had not met yet this year and that the committee had not given further items for the Advisory Committee to brainstorm. When the weather settles, assignments should develop.

11. Director's Report – Josh reported the Sterling Truck was a total loss after it caught on fire in the storage building. The insurance adjusters are working on the claim. Also, Erik from Beaver Creek Reserve contact Josh. They are doing an Earth Week Challenge and were interested in donations. Erik will be present at the April Meeting.

12. Timber Sale Report – Josh said he was notified by the Highway Committee that the road bans will be implemented soon. Jody said with all the snow cutting is slow but should pick up when the weather settles.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk
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