

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 8, 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: Kyle Johnson, WDNR Liaison Forester; Erik Kessler, Beaver Creek Reserve Director

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, Jake Tumm 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 March 11, 2019 meeting – Bert moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
5. Beaver Creek Reserve Earth Week Challenge – Erik was present to explain their new program and asked if the committee would consider opening parks for free. Pat made a motion to participate in the Earth Week Challenge and waive the entrance fees at the parks from Monday, April 22 thru April 28 with revenue loss not to exceed \$1000; motion carried and a resolution will be drafted and sent to the county board.
6. Timber Sale Maps – Much of the offerings are oak which is now the top selling species. Staff answered questions of the committee. Tami moved to approve the sales; motion carried.
7. National Rifle Club Lease Review – Kevin reported a sound survey has been scheduled June 4 and will be done by personnel from UW-Madison.
8. Grant Funding Resolution for Recreational Trails Act at Tower Ridge – Josh explained the grant covers a two-year period with 50% reimbursement for ski trails grooming, trail mowing, etc. available up to \$25,000 if the grant is approved by the state. Pat moved to approve the resolution supporting Eau Claire County apply for the grant; motion carried.
9. DNR Fire Report – Jed Kaurich was not able to attend but Kyle spoke on the issue. Kyle stated burning complaints are up and fire season started early this year.
10. Kussman Property Report – Josh shared the appraisal with Mr. Kussman and Mr. Kussman said he would get back to Josh after reviewing.
11. Lake Altoona Well/Septic Plan Update – Nothing to report.
12. Advisory Committee Assignments – Future participation in Earth Week Challenge including the county forest and developing a self-guided tour.
13. Director’s Report – Josh said we received a donation for snowshoe trail signs at Coon Fork. Josh was just notified that capital requests are due May 3 and the committee will need to schedule a special meeting in April to discuss. After some discussion, April 29 was set. No indication from the insurance company what will be replaced that was damaged in the fire. Josh went to a listening session with Senator Bernier and Representative James and spoke

about renewing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program which is due to expire the end of 2020.

12. Timber Sale Report – Bobbi passed around a report of March Timber Sale activity. Jake stated nothing was being cut now with the road bans on. Jody stated Jon Johnson of the Highway Department has been very cooperative with logging operations.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk
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