

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND FOREST

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 8, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center (2nd floor meeting room)

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick LaVelle

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Baker; Julia Harris and Nancy Schlieve; Kyle Johnson, WDNR Liaison
Forester; Erika Gullerud, Finance Dept

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, Ali Moe, 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 June 10, 2019 meeting – Tami moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
5. Chair Stelljes requested the agenda be altered to address items the others were present for. There was no objection.
7. Request to place Memorial Bench by Sue Baker – Sue Baker stated she was looking to place a bench in honor of her husband who passed away in November. She and Josh had discussed potential sites prior to the meeting and felt placement by the Chalet at Tower Ridge would be appropriate. Bert moved to approve bench placement at Tower Ridge; motion carried.
10. Food Vendor Request by Nancy Schlieve and Julie Harris – Nancy distributed a proposal offering food and beverage selections at Lake Altoona Beach, Coon Fork and Big Falls Parks under the business of “Novel Teas Concessions and Catering, LLC.” She stated they would be licensed by the state Dept of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection as well as City-County Health Dept. Kevin said litter was his main concern. Tami suggested proposed food vendor offer recycling containers in addition to garbage. Kevin felt the business should be limited to Lake Altoona Beach. Julie of Novel Teas stated she would really like to have Coon Fork Park included as well. A one-year contract with 30 days written cancellation by either party was suggested. Tami moved that Parks & Forest Dept work with Novel Teas at locations approved by the Parks & Forest Director for one year and the contract be drawn up by county Corporation Counsel. Motion carried.
5. Proposed Change in Exposition Center Operation – Josh reported there would be no change in the Expo Operation as the interested party backed out. Kevin thought the operation of the facility should include Lowes Creek Park and Josh should pursue a full-time position.

6. Performance Management Criteria – The committee discussed ideas for measuring performance. Criteria agreed by the committee to include one quantity and one quality measurement for each program.
8. Lake Altoona Well/Septic Plan Update – Josh reported Wiersgalla Plumbing had finished the water line with a few complications. Jamie told Josh he had not encountered any water supply issues since the repairs
9. Timber Sale Extension requests – Jake answered questions of the committee. Kevin was concerned with tract #14-17. Jake said the logger has done all logging on the sale within silvacultural standards and felt the extension should be granted. Kevin also brought up tract #7-18. Kevin moved to approve the extensions of all sales except for tracts 14-17 and 7-18 and to defer action on the two until the next special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 prior to the county board meeting; motion carried 3-1 with Gary voting “no” and exited the meeting.
11. Advisory Committee appointments – No action on this item as there was no quorum present.
12. Director’s Report – Josh reported the Coon Fork Office/Safe Room in the capital requests could be grant funded potentially but would require an engineering report to prior to applying for the grant at a cost of \$5,000 +/- . Would the committee support funding an engineering report? The consensus of the committee was no. Josh said the Chippewa River State Trail Friends group had approached Josh about the department providing trail improvement on the Eau Claire County section. The committee would like to meet with the group. Kevin talked with Mr. Kussman. He was interested in dealing with the county on his parcel. Bert reported the second sound test was done at the rifle range and he and Kevin would like to meet with the rifle club.
13. Timber Sale Report – No report available.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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