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Eau Claire County

• Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, September 9, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Resource Center -- Room #203

227 1st St W • Altoona WI

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Bert Moritz, Pat LaVelle, and Tami Schraufnagel

Others Present: Kyle Johnson -- WDNR Liaison Forester, Leann Balliett, Mike Lea, Marlo Orth

Staff Present: Josh Pedersen -- Director, Jody Gindt -- Supervisor, Tom Mayer -- LEC Ranger, Ali Moe -- Administrative Specialist III

1. Supervisor Moritz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmation of meeting notice was validated.
2. The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting. Bert moved to ammend the minutes and add that Stelljes made a motion to come back to topic number 6 in three months' time. Bert motioned to approve the minutes as corrected on 9/9/2019; motion carried unanimously.
3. Marlo Orth was present to introduce Mike Lea as the new Chairman of the Lake Eau Claire District. Marlo discussed the Lake Eau Claire Dam newspaper clipping from 1937. Mike will take it to the Augusta library. Marlo offered to copy it, and leave it for the public to view at Lake Eau Claire Park, possibly in the clubhouse.
4. Leann Balliett presented her craft/vendor fair idea to the committee. Leann would be running the event and representing the Lake Association. The committee consensus was to approve the event. Pat amends the motion to allow the event, waive the parking fee for the day, and charge the event non-profit fee. The committee unanimously voted in favor of the motion, 4-0.
5. Bert discussed the Astronomical Society using Pinter Pines as an observing site. The buildings would not be used, but the location would need trees taken out to make room to drive to the observation spot. Jody proposed the idea of using the Eisenberger Memorial as an observing site. Bert will present the idea to the Astro society, and ask if they could use generators to power their equipment if they use the Eisenberger Memorial.
6. Josh gave an update on the status of the pole building replacement bid process. After running through the numbers from insurance, and the total cost of the project, the department does not have enough funds to finance project as is. Between departmental cost savings and the possibility of acquiring funds from IT Department to close the remaining gap, the project could be done. Pat moved to build the shed using remaining funds in capital account, and pending acquisition, funds from the IT Department. The committee will discuss this item again at a later meeting.

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7. The committee reviewed the application for the Parks & Forest Citizens Advisory Committee. Tami Moved to approve Laura Hurd's application with a unanimous committee approval, 4-0.
8. The Expo Center rates were discussed briefly. The committee will discuss this item at a later meeting when more information has been retained.
9. Nothing to report on Timber Sales.

Bert adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ali Moe
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest

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