

# MINUTES

Eau Claire County

## • Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, November 11, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Resource Center -- Room #203

227 1<sup>st</sup> St W • Altoona WI

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

Others Present: Kyle Johnson, Erika Gullerud, Rod Eslinger

Staff Present: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, Jake Tumm, Ali Moe

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### **1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice**

Supervisor Stelljes called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and confirmed compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

### **2. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2019 Meeting**

Bert motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the October 14, 2019 meeting. Kevin moved to amend the minutes for the misspelling of John Stupak. The motion passed.

### **3. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

### **4. Eau Claire Youth Ski League at Tower Ridge in 2020**

Josh presented the Eau Claire Youth Ski League's annual request to renew free ski nights on Monday evenings in January and February. Bert moved to have the same program as the previous year with free parking. It passed unanimously.

### **5. Report on Progress with Rifle Range Sound Mitigation Plan**

Bert reviewed the progress of the rifle range sound mitigation plan. Sound mitigation methods were explored during the sound study. We will continue to stay in contact with the Rifle Club in regards to a proposal for this sound mitigation project and apply for a grant to implement the recommendations included in the report.

### **6. Town of Union 2020 Park Maintenance Update**

Josh reviewed the work that Union would need help with and discussed contract details. Trail maintenance mainly, with the majority of the cost being labor and equipment. Bert motioned to accept contract as is on a one year trial basis, and see how it goes.

### **7. Awarding 2019 Fall Timber Sales**

Jake presented the final bid details and discussed rebidding unsold sales in the spring. Bert made a motion to approve the sales as they were for a total of 8 sales approved. Jake proposes adding volume to unsold sales for the spring and/or combining smaller sales with larger sales. Tami moved to approve. It passed unanimously.

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**8. "Floodplain Basics" Orientation by Rod Eslinger**

Rod presented basic floodplain information and answered questions the committee had. Kevin suggested that Kyle Johnson (DNR) gather more information on the floodplains for a future meeting. The committee can then evaluate the pros and cons of clear cutting in the floodplains and discuss the code.

**9. Director's Report**

Josh is working with the Curling Club and Corp Counsel to allow the Parks Department to reimburse the curlers next year for replacing the carpet at the Expo Center.

**10. Committee Updates**

Tami mentioned that Expo Center needs an evacuation plan in lieu of bad weather. Pat discussed having committee meetings at different places as well as groups associated with the Parks & Forest Department, such as the townships that have county forest in them, continuing the fall tour, meeting at Tower Ridge with Ski Striders, disk golfers, and horseback riders.

**11. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion**

**12. Adjourn**

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ali Moe  
Committee Clerk  
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest

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