

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2018, 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 Forester; Ted Theyerl and Todd Wanous, Ski Striders

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, and Bobbi Barone

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Stelljes at 5:30 p.m.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
3. Approval of minutes from June 11, 2018 meeting – Bert moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
5. Skills Park at Tower Ridge – Todd Wanous and Ted Theyerl were present. Ted explained the skills park development. At this point the Ski Striders were just looking for the committee to give them approval before moving forward. Their anticipated timeline bring in fill this fall and the spring and do contouring for full implementation the winter of 2019-20. Pat moved to develop a partnership agreement for the project. This will be on the next agenda at Tower Ridge with the other user groups for further discussion.
6. Land parcel off County Hwy D – Josh said the parcel is .85 of an acre and has an easement. Kevin moved for committee authorization for Josh to contact the landowner.
7. 2019 Budget – Josh asked for the committee to give suggestions to include in the budget not included in capital budget.
8. Committee Goals – Bobbi passed around a summary of committee suggested goals. Pat said he wanted to see improvements to the Lake Altoona Park sanitary system. Kevin wanted to talk about going beyond Best Management Practices and to develop a corridor linking trails to existing trails such as the Chippewa River Trail and Buffalo River Trails. Bert talked about Canoe landing improvements at D Bridge and K Bridge parking situation. Tami also wanted to see Lake Altoona Park projects move forward and said the Menards Expo Center on the west side is competing for identity.
9. Director's Report – Josh said Amy Marsh had contacted him and would like to hold a 5K Run/walk during the fair. This was held last year without committee approval and resulted in no conflicts.
10. Timber Sale Report – Bobbi passed around a summary of timber sale activity for June. Not much cutting was done and loggers are current on their sales.

11. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – They have had no assignments.

12. Set future meeting date – As was discussed above in item #5, the next meeting will be at Tower Ridge Chalet with all user groups.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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