

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• **Committee On Parks & Forest** •

Monday, March 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Resource Center – Room #203

227 1st St W • Altoona, WI

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. February 10, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Rifle Club Presentation – **Discussion/Action**
5. Flood Plain Forest Management Presentation by DNR Liaison Kyle Johnson – **Discussion/Action**
6. Senior Citizen Discount for Annual Park Entrance Passes – **Discussion/Action**
7. Resolution 19-20/106 to Apply for Motorized Trail Aids – **Discussion/Action**
8. Lake Altoona Utilities Study Presentation – **Discussion**
9. Emergency Fire Wardens Approval – **Discussion/Action**
10. Director's Report
11. Committee Updates
12. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – March 9, 2020 at 5 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Prepared by: Ali Moe, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, February 10, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Tower Ridge Recreation Area Chalet

955 S 82nd Ave • Eau Claire, WI 54703

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

Others: Josh Pedersen – Director (Committee Clerk), Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Kyle Johnson – WDNR Liaison Forester, Travis Blaeser – CVDGO, Joe Knight – Skills Course, Peg Baumgardner – Memorial Bench, Kathy Michels – Chippewa Valley Trail Riders, James Melville – Eau Claire National Rifle Club, Chris Gorzek – Ski Striders, Mark Blaskey – Ski Striders, Gale Otterholt – Ski Striders, Larry Christenson – Eau Claire National Rifle Club, Erika Gullerad – County Finance, Ben Bublitz – County Planning and Development, Jared Grande – County Planning and Development

Chair Stelljes called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting. Lavelle moved to approve the minutes as presented. It passed unanimously.

No members of the public were present.

Peg Baumgardner was present to propose donation of a memorial bench at Lowes Creek park. The location has been approved by Director Pedersen and will be a nice addition to the park. Lavelle moved to approve the bench request. It passed unanimously.

Travis Blaeser from CVDGO was present to ask for approval for having discounted parking passes for the club's annual tournament in May. His proposal was that each participant in the tournament pays a \$2 fee. Gibson moved to approve the request. It passed unanimously.

Paul Johnson was unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the Lake Altoona District's plans for future dredging and lake improvements. Supervisor Knight stated that there were no immediate plans for dredging this summer. He also indicated that the Town of Seymour has been discussing improving the boat landing located along Indian Hills

Blaeser from CVDGO indicated that all disc golf baskets have been pulled for the winter. He stated that their group had no complaints or issues with other user groups. An additional 12 short tee pads are to be installed this summer.

Kathy Michels from Chippewa Valley Trail Riders stated that Tower Ridge is a popular riding destination for many organized groups for trail rides. She commended parks and forest staff for their work on trail cleanup this winter. Also indicated that they would like to see about having some new maps made, like the new ski trail maps.

Chris Gorzek of the Ski Striders stated that he has been working with the disc golfers on laying out the area for the new skills park.

James Melville of the Eau Claire National Rifle Club gave a report on the recommendations from the sound study. The club would like to install a concrete noise barrier. Grant cycles are coming up September 15th for a project application. He also indicated that they may have some issues with zoning, as the rifle club is located within the floodplain.

Gorzek provided a report on the skills park and Ski Striders activities. Currently, there are over 150 kids registered in the skiing program. The Chippewa Valley Nordic teams have about 40 kids on them and they use Tower Ridge three times per week. The striders have over 25 volunteer coaches and students from UW-EC that help. The lighting project phase 1 is completed and phase 2 will be finished this summer. The skills park dredge material hauling has been bid out and awarded to Haas. Work on that will begin towards the end of the month.

Lavelle mentioned that the floodplain cutting policy needs to be brought back up and put on a future agenda.

Gibson mentioned tabled items that need to be placed on the next committee agenda including the senior citizen discount and the CORBA maintenance building.

Next meeting dates were set. March 2nd and March 9th at 5:00 PM at the Ag Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Josh Pedersen
Committee Clerk
Parks and Forest Director – Parks & Forest

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 19-20/106

4 AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND FOREST DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO
5 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ANY FINANCIAL AID
6 THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR MAINTAINING, ACQUIRING, INSURING OR
7 DEVELOPING LANDS FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR MOTORIZED TRAILS

8 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or
9 developing lands for public outdoor motorized trails are eligible for snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle
10 and/or motorized stewardship grant funds; and

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12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
13 authorizes the Parks and Forest Director of the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to
14 act on behalf of Eau Claire County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of
15 Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take necessary
16 action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

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