

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• **Committee On Parks & Forest** •

Monday, March 16, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Resource Center – 2nd Floor

227 1st St W • Altoona, WI

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. March 2, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Boy Scouts Proposal for Pinter Pines – **Discussion/Action**
5. 2020 Powder Keg Event Results and Updates from CORBA – **Discussion**
6. Eau Claire County Fair 2020 Contract – **Discussion/Action**
7. Highway D Canoe Landing Discussion – **Discussion**
8. 15 Year Plan Updates – **Discussion**
9. Expo Event Cancellations/Date Changes 2020 – **Discussion/Action**
10. Director's Report
11. Committee Updates
12. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – April 13, 2020 at 5 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Prepared by: Ali Moe, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

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Monday, March 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Agriculture & Resource Center – Room #203

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

Others: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jake Tumm – Forester, Ali Moe – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Kyle Johnson – WDNR Liaison Forester, Nick Smiar – County Board Chairman, James Melville – Eau Claire Rifle Club, Michael Zwoniarkiewicz – Eau Claire Rifle Club

Chair Stelljes called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2020 meeting. Moritz moved to approve the minutes as presented. It passed unanimously.

No members of the public were present.

WDNR Liaison Forester Kyle Johnson gave an informative presentation on the boundaries of the flood plains in Eau Claire County. The committee would like to have another discussion on this before any final decisions are made regarding the code or timber sale extensions. No action was taken at this time.

James Melville and Michael Zwoniarkiewicz represented the Eau Claire National Rifle Club to give a report on estimates for the rifle range sound abatement plan. They discussed pros and cons for both wall options. Melville also proposed putting in a parking lot to keep vehicles off the road. Gibson made a motion to encourage the Rifle Club to continue to explore these options moving forward, and keep the committee posted.

Director Pedersen provided the committee with a report based off financial estimations of senior citizen annual pass purchases. Moritz made a motion to give a \$10 discount to senior citizens, bringing down the cost of an annual pass to \$20. Additional passes registered to the same household will remain \$10. The motion passed. Pedersen will write up a draft resolution and forward the draft to Finance & Budget and the Parks & Forest Committee for approval.

Pedersen presented Resolution 19-20/106 to the committee to apply for motorized trail aids. The approval was unanimous.

Pedersen gave an update on the Lake Altoona utility study. The study is about halfway complete. No action was taken.

The Emergency Fire Warden plan was approved unanimously.

Pedersen gave a report on the Tower Ridge skills park project. Haas has almost completely cleared the area of trees. Hauling sand into the area might need to wait as the frost thawing at this time could be problematic.

The fifteen year forest plan is coming along. Pedersen met with three members from UW Extension to discuss their role in implementing a public meeting in Eau Claire on June 9. Stelljes would like to discuss the addition of a couple chapters on carbon neutrality & climate change impacts.

The next meeting date was set for March 16th at 5:00 PM at the Ag Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ali Moe
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest