

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

### • Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West., Altoona – Room 103 and 104

Members Present: Joe Knight, Tami Schraufnagel, Jodi Lepsch, Missy Christopherson

Others Present: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, Erika Gullerud, Matt Theisen, Kyle Johnson, Michele Skinner, Jody Shong, Scott Williamson, Kim Grabinski, Dave Paukner, John Krumenauer, Jackie Krumenauer

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#### Call to Order Committee on Parks & Forest and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

#### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

#### Review of August 8, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Schraufnagel motions to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022. All in favor.

#### Request to move Coon Fork Office Building

Jody Shong made a presentation asking for permission for her group to move the Coon Fork log cabin office. Shong explained that there would be no expense to the County for the project. Supervisor Lepsch motioned to approve moving of the cabin, contingent on Corporation Councils office drafting an agreement, and completion of the move by November 30, 2022. All in favor.

#### Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse Study Presentation

Kim Grabinski and Dave Paukner from CBS Squared presented information on the Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse study. The report recommended two phases: phase 1 involves converting the current clubhouse into an open-air structure and phase 2 consists of constructing a new clubhouse building. Supervisor Christopherson motioned to move forward with Phase 1 as part of the 2023 budget and work plan, while supporting building a new clubhouse building in the future years. All in favor.

#### Memorial Bench request by Amy Grelle

Supervisor Lepsch motions to approve the placement of a memorial bench along the Evergreen trail in remembrance of Orrin Rongstad. All in favor.

#### Entering into agreement with ANEW to develop a Carbon Offset Project on Eau Claire County Forest Lands

Public comment was received from Kevin Stelljes on this topic and distributed to all committee members. Discussion was had on the pros and cons of entering the carbon credit market. This topic will be brought back at the October meeting with a resolution for the committee to consider.

#### Director's Report

Director Pedersen provided an update on several capital projects occurring within the parks to the committee.

#### Fall Forestry Tour

A fall forestry tour date was decided on. Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM committee members will gather at the Ag Center in Altoona for a fall tour. Parks and Forest advisory committee members will be invited as well.

**Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion**

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for October 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

**Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment**

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Josh Pedersen  
Committee Clerk  
Director – Parks & Forest