

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, February 13, 2023

3:00 pm

Tower Ridge Chalet, 995 S 82nd Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

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For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Winnie Parker at Winnie.parker@eauclairecounty.gov at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 30 minutes maximum for the public comment period.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. January 9, 2023
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion with Tower Ridge user groups - **Discussion/Action**
6. Tower Ridge winter trails maintenance - **Discussion/Action**
7. Presentation of volunteer awards - **Discussion/Action**
8. Forest management at Tower Ridge - **Discussion/Action**
9. Airport Tree Planting Project - **Discussion/Action**
10. Stoney Lonesome Project with Ruffed Grouse Society- **Discussion/Action**
11. Lake Altoona Park Bedload Machinery - **Discussion/Action**
12. Director's Report
13. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion
Next Meeting – March 13, 2023, at 5 pm
14. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

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Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1st Street West., Altoona – Rooms 103 and 104

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

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, members of the public: Carl Walters, Archie Ecker, Arlyn Stertz, Jeff Thielen, Jereme Rauckman, Timothy Wucherer, Nick Meyer, Nathan McCorkle, Todd Wanous, Roxan Rice, Bob Burch

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

Committee on Parks and Forest received a call from Chuck Hotvedt, a neighbor of Lake Altoona Park, regarding the Master Plan. Mr. Hotvedt is in favor of a garage or maintenance building at the top of the hill.

Review of December 12, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Schraufnagel motions to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022. All in favor.

Mountain bike skills area at Lowes Creek Park presentation

Jereme Rauckman presented to the Committee about the possibility of building a mountain bike skills practice area at one of the two entrances at Lowes Creek Park. Rauckman proposes hiring a professional design company, getting public approval and input, doing extensive fund raising, and completing construction sometime in 2024. Tami Schraufnagel moved to accept the consideration of the park addition of a mountain bike skills practice area. All in favor.

Discussion on safety on portions of trails in Lowes Creek and Tower Ridge

The Committee discussed the areas of concern of trails at both Tower Ridge and Lowes Creek. One such area is the Onion Trail at Tower Ridge, which already has appropriate signage, while the other trail at Lowes Creek could use better permanent signage which is the responsibility of CORBA. It was decided that the grooming issues brought up by Archie Ecker would be addressed at the next Committee Meeting on February 13, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Tower Ridge.

Awards for service

Tami Schraufnagel moved to present awards for service to the originators of Kickin' Kids and to recognize those involved with the Tower Ridge light improvements at the regular Committee Meeting on February 13, 2023, at Tower Ridge at 3 p.m. All in favor.

Adopting the 2023 Annual Work Plan for the Parks and Forest Department to comply with the County Forest Administration Grant Program: Resolution 22-23.084 2023

Jodi Lepsch moved to adopt the 2023 Work Plan as presented. All in favor.

2023 Emergency Fire Warden List

Jodi Lepsch moved to approve the 2023 Emergency Fire Warden list as presented. All in favor.

Eau Claire County Master Park Plan Update

The Committee decided to review the Master Park Plan at the March 13, 2023, Committee Meeting.

Director's Report

Director Pedersen provided an update on the challenges and dangers faced early this winter with downed trees and limbs. The Tower Ridge toilets are working at present. At the next meeting we are going to invite the Advisory Committee, Disc Golf group, Horse group, and Rifle Range Club.

Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for February 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Tower Ridge

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Winnie Parker

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Committee Clerk

Administrative Specialist III