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Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, October 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Agricultural and Resource Center

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

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

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Nick Smiar – Ex Officio Member, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Regan Watts – Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator, Charles Ellefsen – EC Co Assist Corp Counsel, Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona District Chair, Sally Kappus – Altoona resident

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

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

Review of September 12, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Christopherson motions to approve the minutes as written from September 12, 2022. All in favor.

Public Comment

Sally Kappus commented on the Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot plans and how they affect her property access and Michele Skinner gave an update on the statistical findings from the Health Department as it relates to Lake Altoona.

Resolution 22-23/059

Supervisor Schraufnagel motions to authorizes Corporate Counsel to enter into an agreement with Taylor Creek Development, Eau Claire Sand and Gravel, and Mathy Construction Company to accept their offered donation of land. All in favor.

Resolution 22-23/061

Supervisor Christopherson motions to grant utility easements to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative in the NE-NE of Section 13, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Town of Lincoln, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, and the SW-SE of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 5 West of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin. All in favor.

Resolution 22-23/067

Reagan Watts, Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator, re-emphasized that Eau Claire County would realize a significant amount of revenue while continuing already-established forestry practices and serving to support Eau Claire County's sustainability goals. Supervisor Christopherson motions to allow for the development of a Forest Carbon Credit Offset Project in Eau Claire County. All in favor.

Update on Parks and Programs Manager Position

The Committee discussed presenting an amendment to the Budget and Finance Committee to reinstate the Parks and Programs Manager Position to the Parks and Forest 2023 Budget. Tami Schraufnagel, Josh Pedersen, and Supervisor Stella Pagonis will create a fact sheet and budget amendment form to present to the Committee on Budget and Finance for their November meeting.

Advisory Committee Update

Director Pedersen provided an update that the Advisory Committee is active, knowledgeable, and working together to provide a forest access plan using the Township of Washburn Forest Access Plan as a model. They intend to contact other key user groups who would have an interest in this project to get their input.

Update on Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot Project

Josh Pedersen, Parks and Forest Director, presented the plan Ayers created for the Lake Altoona Beach Parking Lot project. Estimated cost to execute this plan was significantly higher than expected, mostly due to infrastructure cost. This plan will go to the City of Altoona for their approval on November 9th. Any changes to this plan will increase the cost to the Parks and Forest Department.

Director's Report

Director Pedersen reported on the resignation of Maintenance Technician, David Brendon. Human Resources has posted the position. In the meantime, staff is getting cross trained on several duties and some duties are being shifted to cover our needs. Everyone is invited to meet at the Ag Building on October 21, 2022, at 11:30 am for a Fall Forest Tour.

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for November 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker

Committee Clerk

Administrative Specialist III