

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

### • Committee on Parks & Forest •

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

Location: Lake Eau Claire Park  
E19230 County Road SD – Augusta, WI 54722

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

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Nick Smiar – Ex Officio, Jacob Tumm – EC County Forester, Todd Johnson – Maintenance Technician, Tom Mayer – Lake Eau Claire Park Ranger, Corey Henrich – Maintenance Technician, Chris Silewski - Ayers and Associates, Members of the Public: Peter Crooker, James Tumm, Joe Kirst, Mike Lea,

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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 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

### Review of November 14, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Missy Christopherson moved to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022, as written. All in favor.

### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

### Public hearing on proposed 2023 capital improvement plan for Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse -

Those in attendance representing the public made comments regarding the plans to renovate Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse by stripping the structure leaving only the main supports and stone fireplace, its longstanding usage in the community, understanding the Clubhouse's limitations and issues, and the merits of having a covered roof.

### Presentation of Draft Eau Claire County Master Park Plans by Chris Silewski of Ayres

Chris Silewski of Ayers and Associates presented the overarching view of the master plan, which is "connecting people through the park system throughout the year." He briefly highlighted the focus for each park, spoke about the data collected from differing demographics, and explained the timeline for the completion of the Master Park Plan. Dane Zook moved to further discuss what was presented at the January 9, 2023, meeting. All in favor.

### Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids

2022 Timber Sale Bid Opening was December 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Of the nine (9) bids presented, seven (7) were new bids and two (2) were repeated bid sales, eight (8) were sold. There is currently a strong market and nine (9) different loggers placed bids on sales whose total value is \$752,879. Jodi Lepsch moved to accept the 2022 Timber Bid Sale as presented. All in favor.

**Cross Country Skiing policy at Tower Ridge during gun deer season**

The Committee discussed the safety of the multi-use area of Tower Ridge specifically during gun season and the need to enhance the county code. Joe Knight moved to change the code, so Tower Ridge and Evergreen ski trails are closed during the nine (9) days of deer rifle season only. All in favor.

**Director's Report**

Director Pedersen made introductions of existing staff and new hires of Corey Henrich, Maintenance Technician and Sarah Christensen – Lake Altoona Park Ranger, discussed the Park Master Plan, and spoke about looking into skijoring at Lowes Creek.

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

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for January 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment**

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker  
Committee Clerk  
Administrative Specialist III