

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• **Committee on Parks & Forest** •

Monday, July 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Room AG 103 and 104

Join from the meeting link.

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Meeting number (access code): 2597 671 9830

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. June 12, 2023
4. Public Comment
5. Land Donation Resolution 23-24.021 – Chad Berge - **Discussion/Action**
6. 2024 Parks and Forest Preliminary Budget Review - **Discussion/Action**
7. 2024 Fee Changes - **Discussion/Action**
8. Fall Forestry Tour - **Discussion/Action**
9. E-Bike Policy in County Parks – **Discussion/Action**
10. Director’s Report
11. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

*Joint Meeting, Committee on Parks & Forest/Committee on Finance & Budget –
August 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Ag Center*

12. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, June 12, 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, Dane Zook, Nick Smiar – Ex Officio Member

Others Present: Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Todd Johnson – Parks and Program Manager, Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Mike Lea - Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Member, Nick Meyer – CORBA Representative

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.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make a comment.

Review of May 8, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. All in favor.

Resolution 23-24.018 Withdrawal of County Forest Land

Mike Lea has requested the withdrawal of two (2) proposed sand spoil sites adjacent to one another, about 9.94 acres from the Eau Claire County Forest Program. After approval from the Committee on Parks and Forest, further approval will be needed from the County Board and then from the Department of Natural Resources. This site was chosen because of its close proximity to the sand traps near the boat landing on the Eau Claire River, which feeds into Lake Eau Claire and because of the low timber quantity and quality on these sites. These traps and sand spoil sites are necessary to keep the boat landings safe and open. Supervisor Zook moved to approve Resolution 23-24/018 as written. All in favor, none opposed.

Light Up the Woods request at Lowes Creek Park

Nick Meyer from CORBA requested permission from the Committee on Parks and Forest to host a CORBA Fundraiser called “Light Up the Woods.” This fundraiser would involve lighting and projected lighting throughout the trails at Lowes Creek Park. Along the trails there would also be beer tents whereby the beverages would be included in the sale of tickets. Supervisor Zook moved to postpone action on this request until the July 10, 2023, Committee Meeting to allow County Corporate Legal Counsel to review the request and approve the specific details, especially regarding the presence and handling of alcoholic beverages. All in favor, none opposed.

Coon Fork 40 Bike Event

Nick Meyer, from CORBA presented the proposal to host a fundraiser gravel bike riding event to start and finish at the Coon Fork beach side. Gravel events such as these are gaining popularity and work for all types of bikes. The monies raised from this event would be used to maintain the already established trails and develop new trails. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to approve the Coon Fork 40 Bike Fundraiser Event pending review from County Corporate Legal Counsel. All in favor, none opposed.

Jeremy Doro Land Sale

Landowner, Jeremy Doro, is interested in selling a 40-acre parcel of land that butts up to county property. This parcel consists mainly of white pine, which would not likely be logged. Access is from the north and has a gated easement. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to forward the proposal to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee for their review and to see if there are grants available to allow for price matching. All in favor, none opposed.

Comments Made

Please take a look, if you haven't done so already, at the Lake Altoona Park Parking Lot renovation, which is substantially complete, as well as the Big Falls Park Parking Lot renovation, which is underway. Please review the documents in preparation for the Joint meeting with the Committee on Finance & Budget.

Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – July 10, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Joint Meeting, Committee on Parks & Forest/Committee on Finance & Budget – August 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Ag Center

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III

4 GRANTING THE RENAMING OF THE MATHY/AYRES DONATED PROPERTY TO RED
5 FLINT RECREATION AREA AND NAMING THE LAKE, FRED AYRES LAKE. REFER
6 RECOMMENDATIONS AND MONITORING TO PARKS AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
7 FOR BUDGETING. THE PROPERTY IS TO BE MANAGED BY THE EAU CLAIRE
8 COUNTY PARKS AND FOREST DEPARTMENT.

9 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County accepted a land donation from Taylor Creek
10 Development, Eau Claire Sand and Gravel, and Mathy Construction LLC.; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Land Stewardship Committee was tasked with providing
13 recommendations for the use and management of said donated land; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Land Stewardship Committee produced a written plan containing
16 recommendations and restrictions, see Exhibit A; and

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18 WHEREAS, the plan recommends that the property should have a development plan
19 from minimalist to moderate dependent on public access and results of a Hydrologic and
20 Hydraulic study; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Parks and Forest Department shall be responsible for management and
23 budgeting of the subject land;

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25 WHEREAS, the Donors and Land Stewardship Committee recommends renaming the
26 donated property Red Flint Recreation Area and rename the Lake, Fred Ayres Lake.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eau Claire County Board of
29 Supervisors that it hereby approves referring the recommendation plan listed in Exhibit A to the
30 Parks and Forest Department.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Forest Department shall be responsible
33 for budgeting and management of the donated property.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property shall be named Red Flint Recreation
36 Area and the Lake be named Fred Ayres Lake.

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49 Committee on Parks and Forest

50 VOTE: _____ AYE _____ NAY

Exhibit A

Land Donation Recommendation

Land Conservation Commission Meeting

May 15, 2023



Activity	Requirements
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minimalist</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leave property as is Natural Surface Hiking and biking trails Fishing and swimming Trees and vegetation to be managed by Agency as they see fit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderate</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimalist activities in addition to: Portable toilets Pavilion – Open air structure Boardwalk trail Pollinator habitat Beach Fish Habitat Improvement Non-motorized boats</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remove before flooding Vehicle access Potential H & H Study</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Robust</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimalist and Moderate activities in addition to: Permanent Building Well Motorized Camping Fish habitat improvement Beach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H and H Study LOMA - F Health Department Regulation Vehicle Access Engineering and Permitting</p>



➤ Prohibited Uses:

➤ 1. Hunting

➤ 2. Buildings

➤ 3. Motorized Activities

➤ 4. Camping restricted w/future consideration



Land Donation Special Committee Recommendation

- ▶ The Land Donation Special Committee recommends the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department manage the property with a goal of moderate uses to also include minimalist activities upon changes to H&H Study and Access as outlined:
 - ▶ Minimalist
 - ▶ Leave property as is
 - ▶ Natural surface hiking and biking trails
 - ▶ Fishing and swimming
 - ▶ Trees and vegetation to be managed by agency as they see fit
 - ▶ Moderate
 - ▶ Portable toilets
 - ▶ Pavilion – open air structure
 - ▶ Boardwalk trail
 - ▶ Beach
 - ▶ Habitat improvement – Pollinator, Aquatic, and Wildlife
 - ▶ Non-motorized boats



Land Stewardship Subcommittee Recommendation

- ▶ Take the Land Donation Special Committee whole recommendation, name of property, and packet to the Land Conservation Commission, with the next steps for Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Department to seek access from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and to budget an H&H study for next year.

Land Conservation Commission Recommendation

- ▶ The LCC recommends the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department manage the property with a goal of moderate uses, which also includes minimalist activities as outlined in the table. Moderate uses maybe pursued, if feasible, based on an H&H Study to be budgeted in 2024 and gaining access from the WI Department of Natural Resources.
 - ▶ Minimalist
 - ▶ Leave property as is
 - ▶ Natural surface hiking and biking trails
 - ▶ Fishing and swimming
 - ▶ Trees and vegetation to be managed by agency as they see fit
 - ▶ Moderate
 - ▶ Portable toilets
 - ▶ Pavilion – open air structure
 - ▶ Boardwalk trail
 - ▶ Beach
 - ▶ Habitat improvement – Pollinator, Aquatic, and Wildlife
 - ▶ Non-motorized boats
- ▶ The recommendation also includes naming the property Red Flint Recreation Area and naming the lake, Fred Ayres Lake.

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/018

Mathy Construction Company, Taylor Creek LLC, and Eau Claire Sand and Gravel Company has donated approximately 243 acres of land adjacent to the Chippewa River in the town of Brunswick. The Land Stewardship Committee authorized by the Land Conservation Commission was tasked with producing recommendations for future use and management of the donated property. The Land Stewardship Committee was represented by community members, the Donors, and Eau Claire County representatives.

The recommendations for future use of the property include use or development from “minimal” to “moderate.” At this time, the property has walk-in access only, no viable parking lot, and is restricted by being contained within the Flood Plain. Until these conditions are corrected the property would likely be maintained within the “minimal” development plan.

The plan recommends future budgeting for the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) study to identify possible building and parking sites.

The Land Conservation Commission approved the Parks and Forest Department as the department that should manage and budget said property.

The recommendations in their entirety are contained the in attached Exhibit A.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Chauncey Ellefsen

Parks & Forest

Overview of Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	(\$134,428)	(\$144,703)	(\$144,703)	(\$28,129)	-81%
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	\$357,055	\$166,499	\$168,346	\$432,971	160%
06-Public Charges for Services	\$1,637,813	\$1,617,898	\$1,639,222	\$1,687,410	4%
09-Other Revenue	\$11,458	\$4,500	\$5,475	\$5,800	29%
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	\$126,102	-	\$24,767	-80%
Total Revenues:	\$1,871,898	\$1,770,296	\$1,668,340	\$2,122,819	20%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Regular Wages	\$661,633	\$809,230	\$766,186	\$877,740	8%
02-OT Wages	\$10,395	\$2,500	\$2,519	\$2,941	18%
03-Payroll Benefits	\$189,487	\$285,842	\$261,516	\$298,858	5%
04-Contracted Services	\$242,368	\$182,453	\$185,037	\$194,433	7%
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$581,637	\$360,186	\$338,485	\$625,186	74%
07-Fixed Charges	\$52,001	\$62,527	\$60,704	\$80,951	29%
09-Equipment	\$15,931	\$34,067	\$12,564	\$34,450	1%
11-Other	-	\$33,491	\$30,991	\$8,260	-75%
Total Expenditures:	\$1,753,452	\$1,770,296	\$1,658,002	\$2,122,819	20%

Net Surplus/(Deficit)- Parks & Forest	\$118,446	\$0	\$10,338	\$0	
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Overview of Revenues and Expenditures by Program Area

Forestry

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	(\$616,268)	(\$623,398)	(\$623,398)	(\$654,112)	5%
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	\$74,970	\$64,278	\$66,135	\$88,051	37%
06-Public Charges for Services	\$1,086,603	\$1,044,959	\$1,067,482	\$1,077,960	3%
09-Other Revenue	\$7,000	-	-	-	
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	\$22,267	-	\$24,767	11%
Total Revenues:	\$552,304	\$508,106	\$510,219	\$536,666	6%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Regular Wages	\$192,709	\$219,490	\$212,577	\$243,999	11%
02-OT Wages	\$1,366	\$555	\$1,500	\$746	34%
03-Payroll Benefits	\$73,389	\$93,499	\$80,615	\$96,661	3%
04-Contracted Services	\$22,634	\$35,860	\$22,258	\$26,890	-25%
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$129,717	\$127,300	\$123,227	\$134,525	6%
07-Fixed Charges	\$5,048	\$6,135	\$6,135	\$8,618	40%
09-Equipment	\$1,399	\$22,767	\$240	\$22,767	0%
11-Other	-	\$2,500	-	\$2,460	-2%
Total Expenditures:	\$426,263	\$508,106	\$446,552	\$536,666	6%

Net Surplus/(Deficit)- Forestry	\$126,042	\$0	\$63,667	\$0	
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Overview of Revenues and Expenditures by Program Area

County Parks

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	\$482,336	\$471,049	\$471,049	\$625,607	33%
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	-	\$24,900	\$24,890	-	-100%
06-Public Charges for Services	\$446,499	\$479,639	\$482,279	\$514,250	7%
09-Other Revenue	\$150	-	-	-	
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	\$86,475	-	-	-100%
Total Revenues:	\$928,985	\$1,062,063	\$978,218	\$1,139,857	7%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Regular Wages	\$454,923	\$564,360	\$537,109	\$612,255	8%
02-OT Wages	\$8,775	\$1,945	\$1,019	\$2,195	13%
03-Payroll Benefits	\$115,008	\$190,401	\$179,639	\$200,553	5%
04-Contracted Services	\$143,312	\$86,938	\$104,625	\$107,003	23%
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$150,147	\$144,150	\$131,177	\$139,565	-3%
07-Fixed Charges	\$41,714	\$49,738	\$48,238	\$66,603	34%
09-Equipment	\$14,402	\$10,900	\$12,324	\$11,683	7%
11-Other	-	\$13,631	\$13,631	-	-100%
Total Expenditures:	\$928,281	\$1,062,063	\$1,027,762	\$1,139,857	7%

Net Surplus/(Deficit)- County Parks	\$704	\$0	(\$49,544)	\$0	
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Overview of Revenues and Expenditures by Program Area

Expo Center

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	(\$800)	\$6,293	\$6,293	-	-100%
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	-	-	-	-	
06-Public Charges for Services	\$104,712	\$93,300	\$89,461	\$95,200	2%
09-Other Revenue	\$4,308	\$4,500	\$5,475	\$5,800	29%
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	\$17,360	-	-	-100%
Total Revenues:	\$108,220	\$121,453	\$101,229	\$101,000	-17%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Regular Wages	\$14,001	\$25,380	\$16,500	\$21,486	-15%
02-OT Wages	\$253	-	-	-	
03-Payroll Benefits	\$1,090	\$1,942	\$1,262	\$1,644	-15%
04-Contracted Services	\$76,422	\$59,655	\$58,154	\$60,540	1%
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$12,465	\$11,415	\$6,760	\$6,176	-46%
07-Fixed Charges	\$4,935	\$5,301	\$4,978	\$5,354	1%
09-Equipment	\$130	\$400	-	-	-100%
11-Other	-	\$17,360	\$17,360	\$5,800	-67%
Total Expenditures:	\$109,297	\$121,453	\$105,014	\$101,000	-17%

Net Surplus/(Deficit)- Expo Center	(\$1,077)	\$0	(\$3,785)	\$0	
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Overview of Revenues and Expenditures by Program Area

ATV/Snow Trails

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	\$304	\$1,353	\$1,353	\$376	-72%
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	\$282,085	\$77,321	\$77,321	\$344,920	346%
06-Public Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	
09-Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenues:	\$282,389	\$78,674	\$78,674	\$345,296	339%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
01-Regular Wages	-	-	-	-	
02-OT Wages	-	-	-	-	
03-Payroll Benefits	-	-	-	-	
04-Contracted Services	-	-	-	-	
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$289,308	\$77,321	\$77,321	\$344,920	346%
07-Fixed Charges	\$305	\$1,353	\$1,353	\$376	-72%
09-Equipment	-	-	-	-	
11-Other	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures:	\$289,612	\$78,674	\$78,674	\$345,296	339%

Net Surplus/(Deficit)- ATV/Snow Trails	(\$7,223)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
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Parks & Forest Program Summary

Revenues	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
Forestry	\$552,304	\$508,106	\$510,219	\$536,666	6%
County Parks	\$928,985	\$1,062,063	\$978,218	\$1,139,857	7%
Expo Center	\$108,220	\$121,453	\$101,229	\$101,000	-17%
ATV/Snow Trails	\$282,389	\$78,674	\$78,674	\$345,296	339%
Total Revenues:	\$1,871,898	\$1,770,296	\$1,668,340	\$2,122,819	20%

Expenditures	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
Forestry	\$426,263	\$508,106	\$446,552	\$536,666	6%
County Parks	\$928,281	\$1,062,063	\$1,027,762	\$1,139,857	7%
Expo Center	\$109,297	\$121,453	\$105,014	\$101,000	-17%
ATV/Snow Trails	\$289,612	\$78,674	\$78,674	\$345,296	339%
Total Expenditures:	\$1,753,452	\$1,770,296	\$1,658,002	\$2,122,819	20%

Net	2022	2023	2023	2024	%
	Actual	Adjusted Budget	Estimate	Request	Change
Forestry	\$126,042	-	\$63,667	-	
County Parks	\$704	-	(\$49,544)	-	
Expo Center	(\$1,077)	-	(\$3,785)	-	
ATV/Snow Trails	(\$7,223)	-	-	-	
Total Net	\$118,446	\$0	\$10,338	\$0	

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Budget Analysis

	2023 Adjusted Budget	2023 Operational Changes not Budgeted	2 seasonal winter Groomer Drivers	LTE Project Forester
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	(\$144,703)		-	-
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	\$166,499	-	-	\$12,918
06-Public Charges for Services	\$1,617,898	\$10,000	\$8,822	-
09-Other Revenue	\$4,500	-	-	-
11-Fund Balance Applied	\$126,102	(\$6,200)	-	-
Total Revenues	\$1,770,296	\$3,800	\$8,822	\$12,918

01-Regular Wages	\$809,230	-	\$8,195	\$12,000
02-OT Wages	\$2,500	-	-	-
03-Payroll Benefits	\$285,842	-	\$627	\$918
04-Contracted Services	\$182,453	-	-	-
05-Supplies & Expenses	\$360,186	\$3,800	-	-
07-Fixed Charges	\$62,527	-	-	-
09-Equipment	\$34,067	-	-	-
11-Other	\$33,491	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,770,296	\$3,800	\$8,822	\$12,918

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Budget Analysis

	Yurt Rentals	Cost to Continue Operations in 2024	2024 Requested Budget
01-Tax Levy/General Revenue Allocation	(\$12,000)	\$128,574	(\$28,129)
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	-	\$253,554	\$432,971
06-Public Charges for Services	\$12,000	\$38,690	\$1,687,410
09-Other Revenue	-	\$1,300	\$5,800
11-Fund Balance Applied	-	(\$95,135)	\$24,767
Total Revenues	-	\$326,983	\$2,122,819

01-Regular Wages	-	\$48,315	\$877,740
02-OT Wages	-	\$441	\$2,941
03-Payroll Benefits	-	\$11,471	\$298,858
04-Contracted Services	-	\$11,980	\$194,433
05-Supplies & Expenses	-	\$261,200	\$625,186
07-Fixed Charges	-	\$18,424	\$80,951
09-Equipment	-	\$383	\$34,450
11-Other	-	(\$25,231)	\$8,260
Total Expenditures	-	\$326,983	\$2,122,819

16.30.020 Designation of county forest. All county-owned lands now held or hereafter acquired for forestry purposes, established and designated as county forest shall be shown on an official county forest map to be maintained in the department office and shall be entered as county forest lands pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 28.11(4). In addition thereto, the official county forest map shall designate the boundaries of a well-blocked county forest. It is the intent of the board to acquire lands within, or bordering, the county forest boundaries, as they become available and upon a determination by the committee that county ownership of the land is beneficial to the residents of Eau Claire County and of the state. (Ord. 154-2, 2010, Sec. 36; Ord. 128-75 Sec.1, 1985; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.030 Park use regulations.

A. All parks, special use areas and waysides shall be open to the public throughout the year during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. each day. No person may enter or be on such lands outside of those hours except for campers in or those who are in route to designated campgrounds, persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings or those in attendance at functions being held at the Lake Eau Claire clubhouses, for which reservations have been obtained. The Lake Eau Claire clubhouses and park premises shall, under all circumstances, be vacated no later than 12:00 midnight. For purposes of this subsection, the time shall be computed under Wis. Stat. §§ 175.09 and 175.095, whichever is applicable.

B. The facilities in all parks, special use areas and waysides shall be maintained by the department during the camping season, as defined at 16.30.005 E. Outside of that season the only facilities that will be maintained by the department shall be access roads to winter recreation areas and those of the Tower Ridge, Lowes Creek, Coon Fork, and Evergreen Ski Areas and the Countywide Snowmobile Trail.

C. Camping and the use of camping facilities shall be in accord with 16.30.300.

D. It shall be unlawful to use or possess any glass containers in Big Falls Park or Tower Ridge Recreation Area excluding the Chalet.

E. No refunds shall be given for camping, shelter, or clubhouse reservations except as designated under 16.30.040 C.

F. The park season for Lake Altoona Park shall be May 15 through October 15. The park season for Lake Eau Claire Park shall be May 15 through October 15. (Ord. 156-23, Sec. 1, 2012; Ord. 146-41, Sec. 6, 2002; Ord.141-28, Sec.1, 1997; Ord.140-45, 1996; Ord. 136-111, Sec.6,7,8, 1993; Ord. 128-26 Sec.4, 5, 6, 1984; Ord. 126-52 Sec.2, 1982; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.040 Fees and charges.

A. Fee Administration. It is unlawful for any person to use any facility, shelter or area for which a fee or charge has been established by ordinance without payment of the fee or charge or for failure to properly display a recreation entrance pass on the inside lower left hand corner of the vehicle windshield. Annual passes must be adhered upon receipt to the vehicle windshield only with the pass adhesive and will not be considered valid if not adhered or if adhered with tape or other methods. Motorcycles shall have the annual pass affixed to the windshield or, if no windshield, to a front fork. The committee on parks and forest or parks and forest director, if time does not allow for committee action, shall have authorization to waive vehicle entrance fees for volunteers performing work or training that would benefit the citizens of Eau Claire County.

B. Fees. The following fees shall be charged, unless otherwise specified:

General Usage Fees

Recreation Area Entrance Fee per motor vehicle	\$5.00 daily or \$30.00 annually
Additional Annual Entrance Stickers Senior Citizen 65 or older	\$10.00 for same household \$ 5.00 daily or \$20.00 annually
Required at boat launches, county parks, Evergreen ski trail, Lake Eau Claire beach and Tower Ridge Recreation area (from April 1 to December 1) including disc golf area. Buses for non-school related functions \$6.00 daily fee, buses for school related functions exempt from fees. A registered camper shall be granted up to two free vehicle passes per site for the duration of the camping.	
Replacement Annual Entrance Sticker	\$10.00
Boat Dealers/commercial Watercraft launch permit	\$50.00/annually
Rental of tree planting machine	\$60.00/\$40 per 1000 beyond first 1000 trees charge.
Permit for Driveway off County Forest Roads	\$35.00
Special Event Participation Fee	\$5.00 per person \$4.00 per person for nonprofit and government organization events
Special Transportation Permit	\$30.00
Lion's Group Camp	\$40/night with a maximum of 6 nights

Coon Fork County Park Fees

Picnic Shelter	\$20.00/reservation, with a maximum of 10 vehicle passes issued per reservation.
Camping	\$17.00/night off lake \$102.00/week off lake \$20.00/night on lake \$120.00/week on lake (7 nights for price of 6) \$10.00/night--off season nonelectrical \$15.00/night--off season electrical
Section D. Campsites with 50 amp electric, water	\$27.00/night \$162/week
Camping Electricity	\$ 5.00/night (no discount for week long camping.)
Campground Reservation	\$10.00
Reservation transfer	\$ 5.00
Paddle boat, canoe and row boat rental	\$ 6.00/hour
Sewage Dumping Station	\$10.00/use for non-registered campers or travelers
Firewood Sold in Campgrounds	\$ 6.00/bundle

Harstad County Park Fees

Camping	\$ 15.00/night \$ 90.00/week
Picnic Shelter	\$ 10.00/night—off season \$ 75.00/reservation

Lake Altoona County Park Fees

Clubhouse	\$115.00/reservation Monday – Thursday \$165.00/reservation on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & holidays.
Picnic Shelter (with electricity)	\$80.00
Reservation Changes-Clubhouse And Picnic Shelter	\$10.00

Lake Eau Claire County Park Fees

Clubhouse	\$75.00/reservation Monday - Thursday and \$100.00/reservation Friday, Saturday, Sunday & holidays plus \$30.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Clubhouse Porch	\$50.00/reservation plus \$5.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Picnic Shelters with electricity Small	\$25.00/reservation plus \$5.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Large	\$60.00 for first 5 hours plus \$10.00/hr. thereafter.
Picnic Shelter with grilling pit	\$50.00/reservation plus \$10.00/hour for each hour after five hours.

Lowes Creek Park

Picnic Shelter	\$25.00 per day/reservation
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Picnic Shelter	\$50.00 per day/reservation
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Tower Ridge Recreation Area Fees

Vehicle Pass (winter use)	\$6.00/day or \$60.00 seasonal fee for first vehicle and \$40.00 per vehicle for additional vehicles registered to same household.
All Parks Winter Season Pass	\$ 75.00 seasonal fee for first vehicle and \$50.00 per vehicle for additional vehicles

Chalet Rental from April 1 to November 30

\$ 90.00/day Monday–Thursday

\$120.00/day Friday –Sunday and holidays

(one reservation per weekend)

\$200.00 key deposit

\$70.00 cleaning deposit

Disc golf vendor

\$25.00 per vendor per event.

Miscellaneous Firewood Permit \$25.00

C. Reservation fee policy. The clubhouse and shelter reservation fees shall be required in advance. An 80% refund will be granted if a reservation is canceled 60 days or more in advance of the reservation, a 50% refund for 30-59 days in advance, and no refund for cancellation of less than 30 days unless the reservation period is rebooked by another party resulting in a 50% refund. Groups of 250 or more are required to reserve the clubhouse in addition to reserving picnic shelters. Picnic shelters have a maximum capacity of 100 people. A camping reservation refund will be granted if cancelled at least 14 days prior to the first night of the camping period; however, the reservation fee will be retained. If the County, State or Federal government has issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration that includes Eau Claire County a full refund will be issued for any reservation that was canceled at the time the Declaration is in place. (Ord. 166-17, Sec. 13, 2022; Ord.165-20, Sec. 8, 2021; Ord. 164-002, Sec. 1, 2020; Ord. 162-29, Sec. 1, 2019; Ord. 161-27, Sec. 7, 2017; Ord. 160-20, Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 158-3, Sec. 1-2, 2014; Ord. 156-25, Sec. 10, 2012; Ord. 155-29, Sec. 1, 2011; Ord. 155-28, Sec. 1, 2011; Ord. 155-22, Sec.18, 2011; Ord. 154-17, Sec. 9, 2010; Ord. 154-6, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 153-23, Sec. 11, 2009; Ord 153-16, Sec. 1, 2009; Ord 152-50, Sec. 1, 2009; Ord. 152-41, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 152-30, Sec. 14, 2008; Ord. 151-44, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 151-32, Sec. 22, 2007; Ord. 150-28, Sec. 14, 2006; Ord. 150-21, Sec. 1, 2006; Ord 149-050, Sec. 1, 2005; Ord. 149-051, Sec 1, 2005; Ord. 149-038 Sec. 9, 2005; Ord. 149-023; Sec. 1, 2005; Ord. 148-58, 2004; Ord. 148-102, Sec. 17, 2004; Ord. 148-02, 2004; Ord. 147-77, 2003; Ord. 147-60, 2003; Ord. 147-09, 2003; Ord. 146-48, 2002; Ord. 146-13, 2002; Ord. 146-12, 2002; Ord. 145-89; Sec. 3, 2002; Ord. 145-79, 2001; Ord. 145-61, 2001; Ord. 144-55, 2000; Ord. 143-69, 1999; Ord.142-53; Ord.141-110, 1998; Ord.141-79; Ord.141-38, Sec.2, 1997; Ord.140-76; Ord.140-34, Sec.3-4, 1996; Ord. 139-72, 1995; Ord.38-69; Ord. 137-101, 1994; Ord. 136-62, 1992; Ord. 135-48; Ord. 134-91, Sec.1, 1991; Ord.135-18 Sec.1, 1991; Ord. 134-74, 1991; Ord. 134-52, 1990; Ord. 133-58, Ord. 132-95 Sec.1, 1989; Ord. 131-96 Sec.1, Ord. 131-74 Sec.1, 1988; Ord. 131-16 Sec.9, 1987; Ord. 128-64 Sec.1, 1984; Ord. 126-59 Sec.3, 1983; Ord. 81-82/317 Sec.3, 1981; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981;).

16.30.050 Emergency rulemaking authority. In the event of a natural or manmade disaster or emergency which necessitates, in the public interest, that all or a part of any land subject to this chapter be closed or restricted to public access the committee shall have the power to close such lands or restrict their use or provide for emergency timber sales exempted from 2.04.475 B. 3. Any actions under this section shall be subject to board review and approval at its next scheduled meeting. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.060 Permit issuance. All permits which are issued by the parks and forest director or other authorized department personnel shall be subject to all of the provisions of the code of general ordinances. (Ord.140-34, Sec.5, 1996; Ord. 131-16 Sec.10, 1987; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.070 Installation, public utilities and private construction. The location of all public and private utilities, structures, lines and pipes within any park, wayside or special use area shall be subject to the control of the committee, and their construction, erection, repair, or relocation shall be undertaken only after written consent thereto is received from the committee and the board. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

From: [Parks and Forest](#)
To: [Cody Pattison](#)
Cc: [Josh Pedersen](#)
Subject: RE: Lowes Creek Trails
Date: Monday, June 19, 2023 6:15:41 PM

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I forwarded your inquiry to our director regarding e-bikes. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Winnie Parker



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Hi Cody/ Emma Pattison. I have park pass 3195 & 3196 and I don't know which one goes with which vehicle.

Also I was biking Lowes Creek today. I confronted two guys on E-dirtbikes but they had pedals. Wondering if you're work on clearly defining what is a E-bicycle and what isn't allowed. I believe this is what the guys were riding with dirt bike helmets. <https://www.zappsycles.com/products/stealth-bomber> They are 165# I would say if it is too heavy for a bike rack it isn't a bicycle.

They make gas powered mopeds with pedals also and doubt anyone would consider that ok for trails.

Thanks Cody Pattison.

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, December 13, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members: Kevin Stelljes, Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Gary Gibson, Tami Schraufnagel

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director (Committee Clerk), Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Jacob Tumm – EC County Forester, Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Ex Officio Member Nick Smiar

Chair Stelljes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

Verbal roll call was taken by the committee clerk and is noted above under present.

No members of the public were present.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the November 8, 2021, meeting. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes passed unanimously.

Ordinance 21-22.079 was presented by Josh Pedersen, Parks and Forest Director. The ordinance would require a camper to leave all county properties for seven nights, after camping for fourteen consecutive nights. Missy Christopherson motioned to approve Ordinance 21-22.079 as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

Discussion on electric bikes and oneboard wheels. There was an ask to see what other counties are doing with policies related. The committee asked to poll other WCFA counties and also to have the advisory committee meet to provide a recommendation. A 90-day follow-up period was requested.

Josh Pedersen presented information on the Harstad Park pavilion project. The concept of adding electrical service to the new pavilion was presented. Options for traditional power from the grid and solar power were presented. Electrical service for a potential campground host was also discussed. The committee felt it is important for park rental users to have electrical service at the new pavilion and supported that concept. It was requested to bring the topic back up in January or February with a report on what type of service would be selected.

Forest Carbon credits discussion updated the committee on the presentation to the Finance and Budget committee. Still weighing out the pros and cons of a carbon project and not ready to make a recommendation.

Potential forest land acquisition projects were discussed, and updates provided. The presentation to the Finance and Budget committee seemed to indicate some strong support for the projects as a whole. Kevin Stelljes indicated that he would be working on a resolution to bring back in January

seeking support to apply for stewardship grants and funding through the county forest loan program.

Josh Pedersen presented an update on timber revenues to date. Numbers are on track with budgeted amounts and should exceed budgeted revenues with strong early winter billings.

Directors report: Skiers have been active at both Tower Ridge and Lowes Creek with the early snowfall. Staff have been busy grooming trails and plowing snow to accommodate the early season use. Tami Schraufnagel informed the committee that she is part of the outdoor recreation plan update group, and that process has been going well. Kevin Stelljes indicated that the Sierra Club is having and upcoming outing at Coon Fork and that the campground looked good. Jody Gindt reported on the fiber project being completed at Coon Fork Park.

The next meeting date was set for January 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Josh Pedersen
Committee Clerk
Parks and Forest Director

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, September 13, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members: Kevin Stelljes, Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Gary Gibson, Tami Schraufnagel

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Michelle Skinner – Lake Altoona District Board Chair, Glory Adams, Megan Haserodt - USGS, Laura Plummer – President of CORBA, Doug Brown – County Forest Land Specialist, DNR, Jared Choate

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

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2021, meeting. Kevin Stelljes moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment – Michele Skinner, new Chair of the Lake Altoona District Board, introduced herself to everyone and presented some concerns regarding algae blooms and sand traps. Would like to address these concerns more formally at a future committee meeting.

Doug Brown presented the County Forest Loan process, which has been used primarily for land acquisition, project loans, and variable acreage loans. Project loan deadlines are August 15 and December 1, and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Loan programs are not heavily used, and this program can accommodate large request, keeping in mind there is a 50% local match. This means the county would need to match 50% of the loan. For certain projects, funds can be committed to and secured during the negotiation stage of the acquisition. The Committee has decided to defer action until closer to the time of the acquisition.

Megan Haserodt speaking on behalf of Rob Washbusch from USGS regarding placement of a climate response monitoring well on County Forest land in Eau Claire County. These wells monitor ground levels only and are placed in areas that are not affected by nearby pumping wells. Only one location of the three (3) proposed locations is requested. The County would give permission for USGS to access the well and is not liable for damage. Joe Knight motioned to enter into a 20-year agreement with USGS as written. All in favor, none opposed.

Laura Plummer, President of CORBA, presented to the Committee the different types and classes of bikes that are currently being used on the county trails. She wanted the Committee to be aware of these differing types of bikes in the event the Committee would like to create a use policy in the future. CORBA is not officially taking a stand on these various types of bikes. Because of the rural nature of our trails, the committee might like to have more knowledge of these bikes and their uses as they develop and change and might like to create policies based on the different classes of bikes being used in the future. The Committee will reconvene in 60 days on this issue.

Jared Choate requested a bench be placed at the Lions Youth Camp near Bullhead Pond in memory of his father, Mike Choate. Tami Schraufnagel moved to approve the bench as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

The Committee discussed the merits of closing Harstad Park Campground on September 15, which coincides with the closure of the county's regular camping season. Several issues like fee collection, extended stays of homeless groups, possible illegal drug activity, and disruptive behaviors have been escalating at Harstad over the course of the summer. The Committee decided to ask the Advisory Committee to come up with some possible solutions that would address the above-mentioned issues.

Clarification as to who is responsible for filing the DATCP Premise ID for the Eau Claire County Expo Center is needed. It is unclear as to who took care of this in the past but is speculated that the full-time person at the Expo Center was the one who oversaw this task. Missy Christopherson will investigate this and get back to Josh Pedersen once she has new information.

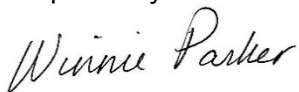
A grant has been awarded to cover 50% of the cost of the installation of the Harstad Park playground equipment. It was suggested to make the Advisory Committee aware of this as well as the renovation of the pavilion as this may impact their possible solutions to the issues being addressed at Harstad Park. Missy Christopherson motioned to proceed with Harstad Park playground equipment installation. All in favor, none opposed.

Josh Pedersen gave the following updates to the Committee. Seasonal staff are winding down for the season. The Park Kiosk will not be installed in 2022 because of a part back log. The sidewalk is being poured this week at the Lake Eau Claire accessible dock. WCFA strategic planning meeting is at the end of this month. This meeting happens every five (5) years. Blue Source has requested more information for the Forest Carbon Credit program which the staff is providing. Parks and Forest has been working alongside ADRC to provide an accessible dock to Lake Eau Claire Park. It is our hope this project will pave the way for other areas to collaborate on projects such as this for the good of the community. The annual committee tour was canceled due to the uptick in Covid cases in the county. We are waiting on an appraisal on the Sand Mine Lot. Kevin Stelljes will consult with Human Services regarding the process of providing park passes to those in need.

The next meeting date was set for October 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest