**MINUTES**Eau Claire County
• **Committee on Parks & Forest** *•*

Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

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

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

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Jacob Tumm – EC County Forester, Todd Johnson – Parks and Programs Manager, Sally Kappus

**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 August 14, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes**

Supervisor Lepsch motions to approve the minutes from August 14, 2023. All in favor.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to make a comment.

**Resolution 23-24.016 Granting an Ingress and Egress Easement through Eau Claire County Lands Known as Lake Altoona, An Eau Claire County Park**

Director Pedersen gave an overview of the resolution and request to grant an easement to Sally Kappus, who lives adjacent to Lake Altoona County Park. Mrs. Kappus accesses her home and garage through the county park entrance, as the only means of egress and ingress to her garage and front door. Supervisor Schraufnagel motioned to approve the resolution. All in favor.

**Fee Schedule Changes**

Director Pedersen presented two additional changes to the 2024 fee schedule. These changes both reflected adding weekly camping rates for regular and future electric sites at Harstad Park. Supervisor Christopherson motioned to approve fee schedule changes as presented. All in favor.

**County Forest Access Agreement**

Director Pedersen informed the committee that the applicant has pulled their request for consideration. No action taken.

**Resolution 23-24.035- Adopting the 2023 Eau Claire County Parks Strategic Implementation Plan; Supporting Implementation of the Plan as Time and Funding Allows**

Director Pedersen provided an overview of the resolution. Adopting the plan allows the County to become eligible for matching grant funds in future years and provides a guiding document for future park project planning. Supervisor Christopherson motioned to approve the resolution. All in favor.

**Director’s Report**

Parks and Programs Manager Johnson provided the committee with an overview of the Coon Fork 40 gravel road bike race that was hosted at Coon Fork County Park. The inaugural event was a large success, with 275 participants. The event organizers are already planning the 2024 event.

Director Pedersen informed the committee on progress on capital projects including the Coon Fork garage and Lake Eau Claire North boat landing. The Red Flint Recreation Area ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on October 11th at 3pm.

**Fall Forestry Tour**

A fall forestry tour date was decided on. Friday, September 29th at 11:00 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**

The fall forestry tour will be held on September 29th. The next Parks & Forest regular committee meeting date is set for October 09, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment**

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Josh Pedersen

Committee Clerk

Director