

## **AGENDA**

**County Of Eau Claire  
Committee On Parks & Forest  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center  
227 1<sup>st</sup> St West, Altoona WI**

**Members note: Please call either the committee chair or the director if you will not be able to attend the meeting.**

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from October 27, 2015 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Proposal to install handicap ramp at Bedpost Park – Discussion/action
5. 2015 Fall Timber Sale Bid Awards – Discussion/action
6. Lake Altoona Dam Repairs – Discussion/action
7. County Forest Camping Policy – Discussion/action
8. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – Discussion/action
9. Fitz/West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick – Discussion/action
10. Correspondence
11. Staff and committee reports
12. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
13. Exposition Center Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
14. Committee Education
15. Future and pending items: Remaining 2015 meeting date: December 8, 2015, 5 pm at Ag & Resource Center

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND FOREST**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center (front meeting room)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Paul Lokken, Kevin Stelljes, and Bruce Willett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Parks, Jay Johnson, Glory Adams, and Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen and Bobbi Barone

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Approval of minutes from October 9, 2015 Tour and October 13, 2015 meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed for the October 9, 2015 Tour and October 13, 2015 Committee Meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – Jay Johnson was present to ask the committee to consider changing the forest camping policy that requires the forest be left for 7 nights after camping 14 consecutive nights be changed to 3 or 4 nights. The committee agreed to review the policy at the next meeting.  
Bruce Parks was present and explained that he has been volunteering on a nearly daily basis watching for dumping violations on county forest land. Kevin wondered if the Advisory Committee could research the dumping issue to see if anyone nationwide has ever had a successful program. The committee thanked Bruce for his work.
4. Request from Ski Striders to waive fees on Monday nights in January and February – Paul moved to waive fees for 2016 in lieu of two free adult sessions during January and February and give authority into the future to the Parks & Forest Director to authorize; motion carried 5-0. The committee would like an annual report after the ski season as to how many kids and adult participated.
5. 2015 Fall Timber Sales – Brooke answered questions of the committee about the timber sales. Kevin suggested a meeting be dedicated to policy review for forestry. Jody explained that the oak in the forest is very old and want to regenerate it before maple and white pine take the area over. Kevin suggested photos be brought in . Bruce moved to approve sale areas; motion carried 5-0.
6. Lake Altoona Dam Repairs – Josh stated that the current estimate for repairs of the dam is \$442,000 and that 50% should be grant funded thru the state municipal dam grant program. Bruce made a motion to fund the dam repairs; motion carried 5-0.

Josh also added that he received an official notice from the Department of Natural Resources that the water level will be down until early spring.

7. Lake Altoona Placemaking – Josh reported the turnout for the activity was very poor and will be rescheduled for spring. Kevin recommended it be put off for six months.
8. County Forest Camping Policy – After some discussion, Pat suggested the issue be brought back to the next meeting and that Josh survey other counties to see what their policy is.
9. Pint Pines/Coon Gut Property Future Plan – Nothing to report.
10. Fitz-West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick – Nothing to report.
11. Correspondence – Josh reported that Steve and Betty Haug wanted to add a wheelchair ramp to the Bedpost area they have been developing and wondered if the committee would be willing to cost share the ramp. The committee requested Steve and Betty Haug come into the next meeting to discuss the project.
12. Staff and committee reports – Josh said the boat landing at Lake Altoona Park has cement pads with exposed rebar needing replacement. With the water reduced water level, this would be the time to replacement the pads. Josh said Huffcutt had given him a price of \$18-\$19,000 to replace the pads. After discussion, Pat entertained a motion to proceed with replacing the pad, motion carried 5-0. Josh also announced the Meteor Timber Property was closing on Thursday.
13. Advisory board input and assignments: no action taken
14. Future and pending items: no action taken.

Motion by Kevin to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

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