

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

ANNUAL RECREATION TOUR MINUTES

Friday, June 26, 2009, 1:00 pm, Agriculture and Resource Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Fantle, Patrick LaVelle, Paul Lokken and Tami Schraufnagle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Gibson

ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENT: Arnie Hoffman, Robert Paddock, Frank Schemberger,
William Scott, and Joelene Smith

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ABSENT: Kathryn Curran, Barbara Gramenz, John Haag, Leonard
Lahn, Don Wisner, and Joe Zawacki

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: John Staszczuk and Mike Torud

The tour began at the Agriculture and Resource Center at 1:00 p.m.

The tour locations were altered in that the two prospective Shooting Range locations near L.L. Phillips Park and adjacent to the Eau Claire National Rifle Club Range were postponed and replaced with a tour of Lake Altoona County Park.

The tour included the following stops:

Lake Altoona County Park tour included discussion of park use with Dan Dittner, Park Ranger, as well as the Ski Sprites season with Rich LaFave, President of the Ski Sprites. The committee toured the Ski Sprites expansion project of the concession stand.

Next stop on the tour was Lake Eau Claire County Park. The committee met with park ranger Tom Mayer. Tom discussed the season so far and the committee toured the new picnic shelter and playground constructed by department staff at the park. It was noted that some of the funds for the playground were received from the sale of some county parkland to the Department of Transportation for the Highway 27 Bridge Project.

The committee stopped at timber sale tract 12-06 off Black Creek town road north of County Hwy M. Discussion followed on the sale layout with Jody Gindt, department forester, who established the sale.

Next stop on the tour was Coon Fork Lake County Park. The committee met with Nate Beaver, Park Ranger. Nate reviewed the park season thus far. The committee was given a map of the newly developed mountain bike trails adjacent to Coon Fork Park. Brooke Ludwig distributed a map of Tract 19-06 which was a timber sale within Coon Fork Park and discussed the sale. The committee observed the sale within the park boundaries.

The next stop was Lowes Creek Park off South Lowes Creek. Don Nelson, president of the Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association, met with the committee at the picnic shelter. Don discussed the activities of the CORBA group as well as the upcoming Wisconsin Off-Road Series Mountain Bike Race to be held on park trails July 5.

The tour concluded at the Agriculture and Resource Center at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Staszczuk
Committee Clerk

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