

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, John Richie, Tami Schraufnagel, and Kevin Stelljes

OTHERS PRESENT: James Melville and Larry Christianson, National Rifle Club; Laura and Jay Plummer, CORBA; Keith Zehms, Eau Claire County Corporation Counsel, and Connie Russell, Citizen

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone, Jody Gindt, and Josh Pedersen

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 December 13, 2017 Meeting – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the December 13 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
5. Resolution 17-18/086 Ratifying Lease Agreement with the National Rifle Club – Gary made a motion to approve the resolution 17-18/086 and Lease Agreement with the National Rifle Club. Keith explained the purpose of the lease. This lease agreement continues some terms of prior agreements, is for a period of 20 years, and uses hours of operation as WDNR ranges which is 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset. Larry and James answered further questions of the committee. Chair LaVelle called the question and the motion carried 5-0.
6. Tower Ridge Additional Winter Pass Policy – After some discussion, Chair LaVelle suggested the Advisory Committee take this issue up for discussion and send back a recommendation to the committee.
7. Fall Back Blast Report from CORBA – Laura and Jay Plummer were present for this item. Laura explained that revenue was down due to poor weather and a reduced number of participants, presenting a check for \$262 for the event. The next event is scheduled for November 3, 2018. Kevin inquired if Laura and Jay felt the event policy of charging participants \$2 on top of event registration should be extended to all events and the committee wouldn't need to review each event prior to approval. Chair LaVelle suggested the Advisory committee as well discuss this issue.
8. Lowes Creek Park Reclamation Project Update – Nothing to report.
4. Lake Altoona Beach Shark Island Presentation – Josh showed the presentation. After discussion, the committee consensus was to not entertain this request.
9. Stewardship Committee report – Nothing to report.
10. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – Nothing to report.
11. Staff and Committee Report – Nothing to report.
12. Correspondence – Nothing to report.

13. Future and Pending Items – Pat discussed February meeting dates and places. Several staff and committee members requested the 1st meeting in February not be held. Also, the February 28 meeting will be held at the Expo Center.

14. Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag & Resource Center, Altoona. The Advisory Committee will be invited.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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