

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COMMITTEES ON PARKS & FOREST AND ADVISORY**

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona

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

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Field, Mike Lea, Robert Paddock, Letecia Papke, Thomas Peterson and Jay Plummer

OTHERS PRESENT: Margot Bouchard, Rita Hauser and Janet Bethke, AAUW Members; David Dresel and Glory Adams, Land Stewardship Committee Member; Laura Hurd, Boy Scout Troop 124.

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

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 January 10, 2018 Meeting – Gary made a motion to approve minutes from the January 10 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
4. American Association of University Women Request at Expo Center – Margot Bouchard and Rita Hauser were present to explain the organization's book sale proceeds provide scholarships to UW-EC and CVTC students. As print media is declining in popularity and proceeds are declining as well, the request was to waive the additional \$280 charge for table set-up time that could be used for scholarships. Kevin suggested it be charged on a 24 hour basis rather than daily. After some discussion, Kevin made a motion to charge renters at the Expo Center on a 24 hour basis chosen by the renter; motion carried 5-0.
5. Pinter Pines/Coon Gut Property Adopt-A-Site report – Laura Hurd from Boy Scout Troop 124 was present to update the committee on the scout troop's progress. Laura said most work was done on the inside of the cabins and the scouts have enjoyed the site. The committee would like to rent the property this summer on a very limited, trial basis strictly supervised.
6. 2018 Winter Timber Sale Awards – Jake explained these were three sales from the last bid opening. The stumpage minimum was adjusted due to poor markets and six bids were received for the sales. Tami moved to award the three sales to the highest bidder; motion carried 5-0.
7. Review Brown Property for possible offer to purchase – Dave Dresel and Glory Adams from the Stewardship Committee were present to discuss the property with the committee. Kevin explained the property is 41.4 acres and is on the Eau Claire River. It is within the Eau Claire County Forest, has a highly erodible bank down to the Eau Claire River, positions well if Cascades parcels become available for sale to the county and replaces the acreage withdrawn for Lake Eau Claire dredge spoils deposit. Kevin made a motion to authorize Josh and Dave Dresel to present the offer to the Brown's as discussed by Kevin with contingencies. Gary seconded the motion and the chair called the question. Motion carried 5-0.
8. County Forest Special Use Areas – Referral to Advisory Committee.
9. Stewardship Committee report – Nothing further to report.

10. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension – Nothing to report.
11. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Pat requested the Committee meet to elect a Chair and Vice Chair as well as discuss the following items and come up with recommendations to the Parks Forest Committee: Policy for events at County Facilities; Tower Ridge Winter Pass Policy; Special Use Areas Rental Policies; Expo Center Long-Range Planning; Tower Ridge Disc Golf “Pay to Play”.
12. Staff and Committee Reports – Jody reported the ski trails had many trees and branches down over the trails from the last snowstorm and that grooming was going very slowly should the committee get any complaints from the committee from the public.
13. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
14. Future and pending items – Gary requested the committee review the rental polices at the Expo Center at a future meeting.
15. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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