

## AGENDA

**County Of Eau Claire  
Committees On Parks & Forest and Advisory  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room)  
227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Altoona WI**

**Members note: Please call the committee chair or office if you will not be attending the meeting.**

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from March 14, 2018 meeting – Discussion/action
3. Public Input
4. Request to place a Memorial Bench at Lake Eau Claire – Discussion/action
5. Special Event Guidelines at Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area – Discussion/action
6. County Forest Special Use Areas recommendations from Advisory Committee on Lions Camp Area - Discussion/action
7. Advisory Committee Recommendations for Camping Policy – Discussion/action
8. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion
9. Expo/Curling Club Report – Discussion
10. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – April 10, tentative meeting date at Pinter Pines
11. Staff & Committee Reports
12. Correspondence
13. Future and pending items
14. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, April 11 – 5:00 pm – Seymour Town Hall, 6500 Tower Drive, Eau Claire 54703
15. Adjournment

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5:30 p.m.  
Lake Eau Claire Maintenance Building, Augusta, WI

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraugnagel

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Plummer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Thompson, WDNR Warden; Jed Kaurich, WDNR Liaison Forester; Al Lobner, David Heinz, Chad, Sherry, Brittany, and Lacy Bergman, Steve Lipsey, Kevin Offer, Ben Hebert, Jeremy and Kendra Skinner, Kevin Grimm, Ethan Solie, Dean Sauter, Jon Couillard, Sarah Hurlburt, Samantha Troxel, Justin Glenz, Joe Baier, Scott Wendt, Larry Barsamian, Tim A Holmes, Randy Gunderson, Dennis Lyngen, Dan Gunderson, Zachary Stendahl, Corey Gunderson, Hayden Gran, Anthony Michels, Steve Bauer, Bowen Hallum, Sarah Buschman, Megan Campbell, Benny Lone, Rose and Donovan Shilka, Chris Stensen, Loren Lone, Scott Sievert, Mark Mathson, Erica Schuch, Terrence McConnell, Paul Sosalla, Kurt and Kris Grimm, Brian Mares, Steve Tempski, Kirk Bowe, Dustin Liebzeist, Blake Liebzeist, Travis Klonecki, Terry Kuhnert, Clifford Albrecht, Ron Witte, David Abel, Jill and Rob Haas, Daniel Solie, several others with illegible signatures.

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

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:30 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
3. Public Input –. The committee was met by a large group of people concerned about closures of the ATV/UTV Trails to vehicles during the months of June, July and August. Chair LaVelle addressed the group and laid out the parameters of discussion. Al Lobner read a letter into the record from Carl Schoettel, president of the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association. After hearing some comments from the crowd, Chair LaVelle said the Parks & Forest Committee would hold a meeting with this item on the agenda April 11.
2. Approval of minutes from February 28, 2018 Meeting - Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2018 meeting; motion carried.
4. Tour of Grounds and new building – Committee had only a brief period to tour building due to number of vehicles and individuals present.
5. Special Event Guidelines at Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area – The committee will discuss at a future meeting.
6. County Forest Special use Areas – Josh and Jody are planning on meeting with Mike Lea and Tom Peterson of the Advisory Committee to discuss their thoughts on renting Pinter Pines and the Lions Youth Camp in the near future.

7. Stewardship Committee report – Josh reported the Brown Property is being purchased. He will pursue a Stewardship Grant in the near future.
8. Expo/Curling Club Report – Nothing to report.
9. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – March 27 and April 10, tentative meeting dates at locations to be announced.
10. Staff and Committee Reports – Nothing to report.
11. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
12. Future and pending items – ATV/UTV trail discussion April 11; Review the rental policies at the Expo Center.
13. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag Center.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

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Attendees of  
P & F Mtg 3/14/18

Name (Print) County of Residence Phone #

David Heinz	Bowen Hallum
CHAD BERGMAN	Sarah Buschman
STEVE Lipsy	Megan Campbell
Kevin Offer	Benny Lone
Ben Hebert	Rose Shilka
Jeremy Skinner	Donovan Shilka
Hendra Skinner	Chris Stensen
Kevin Grimm	Loren Lone
Ethan Salic	Scott Sievert EAU- <sup>715-286</sup> claire 4171
Dean Swiler	Mark Mathson
Jon Cowling	Erica Schuch
Doral Hurlburt	Terrence Mc Connell
Samantha Troxel	Paul Sordalla
Justin Glenz	Kit G.
Joe Baier	Kris Grimm
Just Wavell	Brian E. Morris
LARRY BARDMAN	Jed Krasich
TIM AHLUMAS	Steve Tempski
Randy Gunderson	Kirk Bawe
DENNIS LYNDEM	Dustin Liebert
Dan Gunderson	Blake Liebert
Zachary Stodahl	Travis Klonecki
Corey Gunderson	Jay Plummer
Hayden Gram	Tony Kuhn
Anthony Michels	Cliff Albert
Steve Bauer	Ron Witte

Sherry Bergman

Brittany Bergman

Lacy Bergman

Dan Haas

Dan Haas

Lily Haas

Jill Haas

Debra Walker

Rob Haas

Danella Soler

To whom it may concern,

We are here tonight to share our disappointment and concerns with the decision of closing roads that have been used for many generations by many taxpayers and residents of this community that are not ATV and UTV users. It has never been explained to the non-ATV and UTV users that they would not be able to share these roads before this decision was final. We were told that there was a very poorly advised grant that was issued to deny taxpayers this access by installing gates that would not allow car and light truck vehicle traffic. Cars and trucks safely share access to trails and roads with ATV and UTV's in just about every county in the state with posted speed limits not gates. If it is maintenance what happened to the dollars that were spent before this year on maintenance on these roads for the past 40 years. Those dollars should still be available. And last who made the decision of when and why this should happen, a large group of taxpayers that use these roads and that live in this community are being left out of this process. I never heard of a grant from the state that would use public dollars to close access to public land just for one selfish group. What if we started to use or direct our hunting dollars to shut and gate out ATV and UTV use in areas that we do not want to share access to public land!

Trail funds are meant to increase access, not restrict it. On behalf of all hunters and other taxpayers of Eau Claire County, we respectfully ask that you allow trucks and cars on these trails in July and August.

Thank you

Carl Schoettel  
President  
Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association

**Eau Claire County Parks & Forest**  
**Special Event Application Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee (refundable) enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Sponsoring Organization/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

- Non-Profit Group – Tax Exempt # \_\_\_\_\_
- For-Profit
- Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person for event: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Daily Attendance for this event: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Set Up Begins: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Event Begins: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Event Ends: \_\_\_\_\_

All cleanup must be complete by 11:00 p.m. when park or area closes.

Attach the following to application:

- Map of the event layout
- Proof of Insurance – Special Events required to provide liability insurance not less than \$1,000,000
- Copy of facility rental agreement if applicable to your event
- Recycling, emergency preparedness and traffic control procedures, if applicable.

Will the public be excluded from use of the area during the event? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Are any special considerations being requested? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, what?

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Event approved/disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant will be notified within 30 days of application.

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## Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Special Events Guidelines at Lowes Creek Parks and Tower Ridge Recreation Area

All special events using Eau Claire County Parks & Forest properties must fill out an application and submit deposit 90 days or more prior to the date of the event. The Parks & Forest Committee reserves the right to not approve any Special Event application. **Special Event** shall mean a scheduled public gathering of persons on county property to which the public is invited or over **200** persons or at which concessions are to be sold, such as food or beverages. If you have one or more of the following, it's a special event:

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- Any event that collects donations or has sales of any kind (such as entry fees, retail sales of goods or merchandise, food or beverages, or memorabilia).
  - Any event that is open to the public or attracts more than 200 persons.
  - If you will be putting up tents, inflatables, signs, banners, staging, bleachers or other fixtures.
  - If you will sell concessions – food or beverages pre-packaged or prepared on site.
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Events are limited to normal park hours (6 am to 11 pm) including set-up and take-down as well as entrance/exit from the area.

Any event seeking exclusive use of a trail or area so as to exclude non-event users, must pay an additional fee per applicant based upon tax status and relationship with Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Department.

Fees per applicant:     \$3/each of For-Profit organization and/or no relationship with Parks & Forest  
                                  \$2/each for Non-Profit organization and/or relationship with Parks & Forest

Announcements, signs, and promotion of the event are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization/group(s).

If renting facilities, all rental fees must be paid and receipted 5 or more days prior to the event.

Tents are allowed only if secured by weights. Stakes are strictly prohibited.

Large events may be required to provide port-a-pots at their expense and must arrange in advance for placement with Parks & Forest staff.

Events must leave the area in the same condition as when they arrived or may be charged additional fees for staff time required to restore to original condition.

All trash must be deposited in appropriate containers on site at park/recreation area at conclusion of event.

A \$100 refundable deposit must be included with application. If participant fees are required to be paid, they must be received within 30 days of ending date of event.

Applicants will be notified within 30 days of application submission.

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