

**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

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

rb