

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, 227 1st Street West, Altoona

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Schraufnagel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Liaison Forester; Beth Teeter and Barb Comstock, county residents

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Barone 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 from March 14, 2018 meeting – Gary made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes; motion carried.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
4. Request to place a Memorial Bench at Lake Eau Claire – Beth Teeter and Barb Comstock were present. Beth and Barb were requesting permission to place a bench in honor of Herb Comstock, their father and husband who passed away. Gary made a motion to grant permission for Beth and Barb to place a bench; motion carried.
5. Special Event Guidelines at Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area – The committee suggested Josh should review and approve/disapprove special event applications. Appeals would be required to come before the committee. Kevin made a motion to approve guidelines; motion carried. Josh will have Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel, look over to determine if an ordinance is necessary.
6. County Forest Special Use Areas – This was postponed to a later meeting when both the Lions Camp and Pinter Pines can be considered together and an ordinance drafted.
7. Advisory Committee recommendations for camping policy – Bobbi passed around the handout Kirk Dahl of the Advisory Committee had prepared. After discussion, the committee agreed that stepped up enforcement of camping regulations need to be initiated at the start of the camping season.
8. Stewardship Committee report – Josh reported a Stewardship Grant was submitted.
9. Expo/Curling Club Report – Nothing to report.

10. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Next meeting April 10 at Pinter Pines beginning at 3:30 p.m.
11. Staff and Committee Reports – Jed Kaurich reported there was a fire in the forest on March 26 in the Town of Seymour and appears to be arson.
12. Correspondence – Nothing to report.
13. Future and pending items – ATV/UTV Trail Presentation and discussion April 11 – Meeting to be held at Seymour Town Hall, 6500 Tower Drive beginning at 5 p.m.; Review the rental policies at the Expo Center.
14. Next Meeting Date/place – Wednesday, April 11 at the Seymour Town Hall, 6500 Tower Drive beginning at 5 p.m.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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