

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center (2nd floor meeting room)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Bert Moritz, Tami Schraufnagel, and Kevin Stelljes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Kaurich, WDNR Forester; Rich LaFave and Chuck Ebert, Eau Claire Ski Sprites; and Jeff and Tim Aldrich

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt and Bobbi Barone

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro Tem Patrick LaVelle at 5:00 p.m.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
3. Election of Committee Officers –
 - a. Pat called for nominations for committee chair. Gary nominated Pat LaVelle who has served as the committee chair for 30 years. Bert Moritz nominated Kevin Stelljes. Pat called three more times for additional nominations. There being none, Bert Moritz made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Stelljes; motion carried 5-0.
 - b. Bert Moritz nominated Pat LaVelle for Vice Chair and Pat declined as well as Gary and Tami, Tami nominated Bert Moritz for Vice Chair and Bert accepted. Tami moved to cast an unanimous ballot for Bert Moritz as Vice Chair of the Committee; motion carried.
 - c. Appointment of Clerk – Kevin made a motion to appointed Bobbi as clerk without committee reservation; motion carried.
4. Approval of minutes from April 11, 2018 meeting – Tami moved to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting; motion carried.
5. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
6. Ski Sprites Lease Extension Request – Rich LaFave and Chuck Ebert were present to represent the Ski Sprites. Rich explained the lease did not include additional practice night of Thursday which the Ski Sprites had requested. Discussion ensued. Tami made a motion to approve the Five-Year Lease with the addition of Thursday night practice; motion carried.

Kevin requested the agenda be altered to address item 8.

8. Land Trade proposal in Town of Lincoln – Tim and Jeff Aldrich were present for this item. Josh provided a map of the land trade proposal. The Aldrich's explained the trade would give them access to their 40 acre parcel next to it. Josh will check with

the state on the options and the committee requested the item be on the next agenda.

7. Capital Improvement Plan for next year and 10 year – Josh distributed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan and explained the process. After discussion, Tami made a motion to place item #”1. Water, Septic, Electric, Storm Sewer Upgrades Lake Altoona Park” from the 2020 plan to the 2019 plan; motion carried.
9. Update on Lowes Creek Park – Josh explained that Senate Bll 547 which was passed by the State Senate allows manmade wetlands may be filled. Commonwealth Development had contacted Josh and is drawing up plans for Lowes Creek Park and will bring it to the committee. The committee was in agreement that they did not want to allow the wetlands to be filled in.
10. Special Events Guidelines/Application for Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area – Gary made a motion to approve the guidelines and application for Special Events as presented; motion carried. Kevin thanked the Advisory Committee for their work in formulating the policy.
11. Staff and Committee Reports –Josh reported legal opinions on the ATV/UTV trail grant reimbursement and closure issues should be available by the next meeting. Gary requested this item be placed on the next agenda so the committee can discuss options.
12. Correspondence – Nothing received.
13. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments – Special Use Areas suggested rental policies – No action on this item.
14. Future and pending items – Nothing to add at this time not already mentioned.
15. Set next meeting date – Discussion ensued about possible meeting days and times. It was agreed to continue meeting on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Kevin added that he appreciates the 30 years Pat has served as chair of the Parks and Forest Meeting.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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