

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 12, 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: Frank Draxler, Eau Claire County Purchasing; Sue McDonald, Eau Claire Co and Ski Striders Map project; Nick Smiar, Eau Claire County Board Chair; Chris Gorzek, Eau Claire Ski Striders-Kickin' Kids; Geoff Goodland, Eau Claire Curling Club

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

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Stelljes at 5:00 p.m.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
3. Approval of meeting minutes from October 8, 2018 meeting – Bert moved to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting; motion carried.
4. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
5. Approve Tower Ridge trail naming map – Sue McDonald was present to explain adding trail names and explained the process of choosing segment names. The cost of materials for the project is \$2500 and the Ski Striders will donate labor to install posts/signs. Tami moved to accept trail naming and fund expenditures but would like to see GIS with the capability to turn off certain trails, etc. Motion carried.
8. Curling Club Expo Center lease extension – Josh explained this has been in the works for at least two years and that the Curling Club rent will go toward half the cost of replacement of the HVAC system for the first six years of the lease and the agreement moved back to start October 1 of each year and not October 15. The HVAC project should be in the funded in the 2020 budget. Pat made a motion to approve the lease with Curling Club as presented and approve the resolution 18-19/077 accepting Curling Club Lease; motion carried.
7. Ski Striders Skills Park approval – Chris Gorzek gave a report on the project. The Ski Striders need to raise \$40-60,000 for the project but need to get the clearing done. Kevin called for a motion. Gary made a motion to proceed by the Ski Striders marking the trails/trees, brushing and dead trees be removed by the Parks & Forest staff; motion carried.
10. Lake Altoona Sanitary System report – Josh reported funding had been removed from the 2019 for replacement and engineering costs. He said engineering costs were estimated to be \$38-40,000 for water/sanitary system and detailed what the costs would include. Records show the second sanitary system was installed in 1972 with the clubhouse/restroom prior to that. The well was drilled in the 50's and likely when the septic was installed also. Jamie reported malfunctions with the water and sanitary systems encountered at the park. Josh, Frank and Kathryn will work on trying to get excess funds from 2018 to carry over into 2019 to pay for engineering services.
9. Parcel of Land off Rossman Drive – Jake, Jody, Bert and Kevin toured the property and thought it would be a good addition to the county forest. After some discussion, Pat made a motion to direct Josh to contact the landowner and propose something contingent on securing access; motion carried.

6. Fall Timber Sales – Jake presented the sale maps and answered questions of the committee. Bert moved to approve the maps as presented and offer per sealed bid; motion carried.
11. Director’s Report – Josh said we got a special event request for February 2 at Tower Ridge by UW-EC Ski Team for a race. No trails will be closed and participants will be required to purchase day passes if they don’t have a season pass.
12. Advisory Committee Meeting report – nothing to report.
13. Timber Sale Report – nothing to report.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk
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