

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr & Mrs. Jeff Jaworski, Carolyn Schulz, Chris Gorzek, Eau Claire Ski Striders-Kickin' Kids; Kyle Johnson, WI DNR Liaison Forester

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

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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. Volunteer Recognition – Josh presented a plaque and complimentary Recreation passes to Jeff Jaworski for his volunteer work at L.L. Phillips and Lowes Creek Parks as well as Tower Ridge Recreation Area. He individually took on repairing many small structures that department staff hadn't been able to complete due to time constraints. The committee thanked Jeff for his efforts and commented that no individual in the past had stepped up to the degree Mr. Jaworski has in the past two years.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from November 12, 2018 meeting – Pat moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 meeting; motion carried.
5. Public Input – No one was present for this item.
6. Awarding of Fall Timber Sales – Jake answered questions of the committee and stated one sale had no bids so would be included in the Spring 2019 sales. Tami made a motion to award the sales to the highest bidders; motion carried.
7. Approval of Timber Sale Extensions – Jake and Jody discussed the sales and were recommending sale 1699 be given a 180 day extension without an increase and the rest as recommended on the handout. Kevin wanted an additional column added for future extensions listing the bid value left to cut on sale extensions. Bert made a motion to approve the extensions as recommended by staff with the exception of sale 1699 of no increase if completed this season; motion carried.
8. Ski Striders Skills Park approval – Josh handed out the agreement and noted it was for a three-year term rather than one year. Pat moved to approve the agreement as presented; motion carried. Chris Gorzek handed out a budget for the project which will be included with the agreement.
9. 2019 Annual Plan of Work resolution 18-19/094 – Josh explained the Annual Plan is necessary to receive the Administration Grant from the state and is a general guideline for department planning. The committee suggested the addition of “D Bridge Access” and “Engineering Study” for Lake Altoona Park. Bert made a motion to approve the Annual Plan of Work with the additional items; motion carried with the resolution to be sent to the county board for action.
11. Parcel of Land off Rossman Road – Josh stated he had talked with the landowner who said he would consider selling at a discounted price. Kevin made a motion to authorize an appraisal be done of the property if the landowner is interested; motion carried.

10. Fees and charges Ordinance 18-19/021 – Josh stated this was primarily a housekeeping task as the committee had approved the underlined code changes earlier in the year. Bert moved to approve the ordinance as distributed; motion carried.
  
12. Director's Report – Josh stated he had been contacted by landowner in the Town of Wilson and he offered the same proposal to her as to the Rossman Road parcel and she seemed interested. Gary said if the Rossman Road property goes off the agenda, then he would recommend bringing this one up. Josh was contacted by the DNR about Emerald Ash Borer being found at Lowes Creek Park. Chippewa Valley Nordic Ski Club will be holding a race January 15 at Tower Ridge with no trail closures to the general public. The Mayor of Altoona contacted the department about selling half of a five-acre parcel of land just to the south of the Lake Altoona dam. Pat said he was concerned about selling the lot because of access to the dam on that side of the lake/river. The committee consensus was to not sell the parcel.
  
13. Timber Sale Report – Bobbi stated the preliminary estimate of November billing was \$120,000 but had not finalized the month.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk  
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