

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 5:00 p.m.  
Agriculture & Resource Center (front meeting room)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Tami Schraufnagel, Kevin Stelljes, and Bruce Willett

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

STAFF PRESENT: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gidt and Bobbi Barone

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro Tem Patrick LaVelle at 5:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Election of Committee Officers –
  - a. Pat called for nominations for committee chair three times. Bruce nominated Pat LaVelle for Committee Chair, Kevin seconded; Gary moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Pat LaVelle; motion carried 5-0.
  - b. Pat called for nominations for committee vice chair three times. Bruce moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Stelljes; motion carried 5-0.
  - c. Appointment of Clerk – Pat appointed Bobbi as clerk without committee reservation.
3. Approval of minutes from April 12, 2016 meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting; motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
5. Fitz/West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick – Kevin gave background on the Fitz Property. Kevin, Josh and West Wisconsin Land Trust (WWLT) met. Kevin made a motion to send this to the Land Stewardship Committee to draft a proposal/agreement with WWLT then bring it back to the Committee for final approval; motion carried 5-0.
6. Handicap ramp at Bedpost Park – Josh reported he had talked to Steve Haug. Gary suggested Steve talk with the lake district about tackling the engineering plan for the project and then bring the plan to the committee.
7. Lake Altoona Dam Project Phase 2 – Josh reported the repairs are complete except for the final billing for the engineering before the final grant reimbursement request is submitted.
8. Correspondence – Josh reported he had a request for a bench to be placed in a specific campsite memorializing a couple's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After committee discussion, it was agreed all donated benches would need to be placed in a common area. Josh as stated a Natural Resources Class from UW-Eau Claire is coming out in a few weeks to County Forest.

9. Staff and Committee Reports – Josh reported the Ruffed Grouse Society will be planting on North Center Road south of M and volunteers are encouraged to come help. Jody added seedlings were planted last week on over 90 acres of county forestland. Kevin said an individual had contacted him about renting the cabin at Pinter Pines. Josh and Kevin were to set up a time to meet with Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel, regarding the Rifle Range lease. Kevin mentioned he was contacted regarding a piece of property off Channey Road with ¼ mile of river frontage, adjacent to the county forest. The consensus of the committee was to send this to Land Stewardship and have an appraisal done of the land.
10. Parks & Forest and Exposition Advisory Committee Appointment Policy – Josh explained that in the past all Advisory Committee members whose terms were expiring were required to fill out a new application and asked the committee if the policy could be changed to be reappointed without refiling an application. The consensus of the committee was to not require an application for returning members. The normal advertising process will be used to recruit new members to fill vacancies on the committees should there be any.
11. Committee Education – Time did not allow for this item.
12. Set committee dates/places/times for Summer Parks & Forest Committee Members – Bobbi passed around suggested places/dates/and times for summer meetings to be held at the various parks in the county. Because of another committee meeting conflict, Wednesdays were selected for the committee meetings. Lowes Creek and Tower Ridge meetings were to held beginning at 5:00 p.m. and not 5:30 p.m.
13. Future and pending items: next meeting May 10, 5 p.m.

Motion by Bruce to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone  
Committee Clerk

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