

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Eau Claire County Exposition Center
5530 Fairview Drive, Eau Claire

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Stelljes

EXPOSITION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Zieman and Geoff Goodland

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester; Glory Adams, Parks & Forest Advisory Committee/citizen; Kathryn Schauf, Eau Claire County Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen and Bobbi Barone

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:02 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Approval of minutes from May 10, 2016 meeting – Gary moved to approve the minutes; motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
4. Curling Club Lease - Kathryn Schauf reported the Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel, was not able to have a lease agreement drafted by this meeting but would likely be able to have it done by the end of summer. Ms. Schauf stated she would like to meet with the groups and hammer out the details of a lease extension. Josh said terms and conditions of a lease haven't really been discussed. Dick Zieman, Expo Advisory Committee, felt it was time to move forward on the lease issue, being a former County Board supervisor and on the Fair Commission. Geoff Goodland stated the Curling Club membership is rapidly increasing. The Curling Club is looking to expand the building by 50% which would also include bigger locker and restrooms for an approximately cost of \$1,000,000. Tami stated she supports the Curling Club and County moving forward on a lease. The Curlers will be prepared to present two options – 1) Just doing the HVAC Repairs; 2) Expanding the building and HVAC repairs. Gary added that nine years ago the Fair Commission stated talking this this and he would like the dialogue to continue. Bruce made a motion to move forward drafting a lease agreement between the Curling Club and the county and bring the agreement back to the committee in October; motion carried 4-0.
5. Fitz/West Wisconsin Land Trust Property in the Town of Brunswick Update – Kevin was not present at the meeting to give an update.
6. Exposition Advisory Committee Input – Dick said he felt the committee had no advice as to the operation of the Exposition Center since they had not met and discussed the issue but he personally has some opinions.

7. Timber Sale Extension – Jody passed out language that clarifies the freeze on the extension increases. After some discussion, Tami said she was comfortable recommending a freeze on timber sale extension increases for one year only and made the motion to move forward; motion carried.
8. Correspondence – There was nothing to report.
9. Staff and committee reports – Staff reported on the free camping weekend which was not well utilized as the weather was cold and rainy, the Coon Fork Campground is about 95% up and running and the shower building interiors were newly painted.
10. Advisory board input and assignments: Josh thought he would be scheduling a meeting of the Advisory Committee within the next couple of months.
11. Committee Education – Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester, passed around a brochure “Planting Trees and Shrubs for Long-Term Health” for the committee.
12. Future and pending items: Next meeting Wednesday, June 8 at Lake Altoona Park beginning at 5 p.m.

Motion by Gary to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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