

**Eau Claire County  
Committee On Parks & Forest and  
Parks & Forest Advisory Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.  
Tower Ridge Recreation Area - Chalet  
955 S 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Eau Claire 54703**

**PARKS & FOREST COMMITTEE**

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

**PARKS & FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kirk Dahl, Tom Field, Mike Lea, and Tom Peterson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Michels, Chippewa Valley Trailriders; Tom Field, Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization; John Pedersen – Eau Claire Ski Striders; Danielle LeBarron and Tiffany Goetz, Chippewa Valley Montessori School; Brooke Ludwig, WDNR Forester

**STAFF PRESENT:** Josh Pedersen

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

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. All members of the audience introduced themselves and identified the organization that they were representing.
3. Approval of minutes from August 10, 2016 meeting – Tami made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2016 meeting; motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
5. Request to hold trail run at Lowes Creek Park in October, 2016 – Danielle LeBarron and Tiffany Goetz were present to discuss holding a 5k run/walk on October 23rd at Lowes Creek Park. They would need the park closed to biking during the event. They will also need use of the Expo Center concession building for the event.
6. Discussion regarding Tower Ridge by User Groups –
  - a. Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization – Tom Field spoke on behalf of the group. He indicated that their May tournament went over very well despite the cold weather. He indicated that the club had poured additional concrete tees and that more would be planned in the future. The use of the new storage building has been a huge asset to the club thus far.
  - b. Chippewa Valley Trailriders – Kathy Michels indicated that things were all really good at Tower Ridge for the horse trail riders. The group has been very appreciative of the recent improvements for horses at Tower Ridge.

- c. Eau Claire Ski Striders - John Peterson said that the grooming was excellent this winter and that the groomer training has helped for the county staff. They had about 15 people that they gave lessons to on free ski day. The club is looking into lighting additional ski loops for the 2017 season.
  
7. Merging of the Parks & Forest and Expo Advisory Committees –The discussion centered on deleting the Expo Advisory committee and merging everything to be included with the Parks & Forest Advisory committee. Tom Peterson stated that it would be beneficial to have a meeting with the committee at the beginning of the year to go over issues and come up with objectives to focus on for the year. Kevin motioned to disband the Expo Advisory Committee and have all advisory committee issues routed through the Parks & Forest Advisory committee, motion carried 4-0.
  
8. Stewardship Committee Report – Kevin reported that the Fitz property has entered into an agreement with Pheasants Forever to have them manage the property and open it up for public access. Progress was given on other projects that the Stewardship committee is working on currently.
  
9. Correspondence – Nothing to report
  
10. Staff and committee reports – Josh stated that the budget review meeting with the County Administrator and Finance Director will be held tomorrow.
  
11. Next Meeting Date/place – Tuesday, September 13 – 5:00 p.m. at Ag Center
  
12. Future and pending items- Nothing to report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Pedersen  
Acting Committee Clerk