

WAUPACA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
Meeting Minutes – May 30th, 2017
Clintonville, WI

Pat Phair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call: President Pat Phair, Treasurer Mark Sether, Secretary Al Wichmann, Linda Kassera, Mike Mazemke, Joe McClone, Robert Besaw, Larry Dieck, and Jay Strum. Others present: Justen McAuly, Clyde Tellock, and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: The agenda was discussed and altered to just do the bare minimum of reports and dedicate the rest of the time to the Clintonville City Parks tour.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer Report: Sether handed out copies of the treasurer's report. He highlighted a few areas and noted that the only real activity since last meeting has been with the City of Waupaca. The books were balanced. The report was approved by the group.

Committee Reports: These were skipped to save time for the tour.

Host Report and Tour: Justin McAuly, Parks and Forestry Director for the City of Clintonville, started the tour by explaining what is to happen with the Seven Maples Nature Area. They are working with Regional Planning to develop a master plan for the new park to include nature trails and many other possibilities. They hope to have a plan in place by fall of 2017 and begin work then. There was discussion about how any developments will be funded. The City is looking at various grants and fundraising opportunities that either they, or the friends group can pursue.

The next stop on the tour was Walter A. Olen Park where McAuly gave a brief background on the park and where they are going with it. They are in the process of improving one of the shelters there so it will be used more. The City is also hosting several large baseball/softball events at the field in this park for 2017.

McAuly then talked about the many other parks the City operates and some of the issues they are facing at each park. One of the places he talked about was the City swimming pool and the damages that have happened to it and where they hope to go in the future.

Wichmann talked about the abandoned railroad ROW that runs into Clintonville from the east. Some of the group went to where this site ties into downtown Clintonville and talked about the opportunities there may be for developing a trail system.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 29th at 3:30 p.m. in Waupaca. The location may be changed if any of the Foundation members wished to host it in their location – if you are interested, talk to John Francis with the County Parks to arrange the details.

Adjourn: Motion made by Wichmann, seconded by McClone to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis
Parks/Solid Waste Director