

**WAUPACA COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 5, 2015
Courthouse, Waupaca

Chair McClone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Joe McClone, Dona Gabert, Lee Much, Donald Peterson and Gene Sorensen

Also Present: John Francis and Roger Holman

McClone gave the opened meeting statement.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Gabert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Peterson to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Francis shared an e-mail from Michael Schuessler, DNR Forester, and requesting permission for Leroy Schrock to use the fire lanes in the County Forest to access a small timber on land north of the County Forest. Holman stated they are going to grant the request unless the Committee sees a problem. There were no issues.

McClone opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Holman updated the Committee on the Little Hope Dam project. Holman stated the Highway Department is looking at removal in early June.

Francis reported that with Chain O' Lakes Marine no longer interested in renting 2 buildings at the Fairgrounds, we are planning to bid out the buildings for storage. Francis stated that the successful bidder will have to meet or exceed the base rate that was set by the Committee. Francis noted that fall storage by the County will be done by appointment only. The purpose of this is to be more efficient and remove the stress of a one day event.

Francis handed out and reviewed information on the need for a third Park Caretaker position. Francis stated that projects are not getting completed. Maintenance of building, trails, vehicles and equipment is not getting completed to the high level the staff has accomplished in the past. Francis also noted that new services such as camping, boat landings and trails are not going to happen without another person to address the required work load.

Holman reviewed the County process for creating a new position and stated that if the Committee agrees to the need for another Park Caretaker, they will be prepared to put the position in the process.

Discussion followed on the current demands on the employees, goals for camping and new trails, and the public demand for more service and higher level of service.

Francis reported on the progress of the Pauer's Shed replacement project. The intent is to get it out to bid soon, just need to complete the site preparations and settle on the specifications. Timber sales are supposed to start soon, contractor was looking at early May for a start date. We should have all seasonal on by June 1st.

Holman reported the Management Team is working on a new County website and funding issues.

The next meeting was set for June 11th, at 9:00 a.m., with on sites in the Waupaca area.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Director