

WAUPACA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse

Chair McClone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Joe McClone; Supervisors Lee Much, Dona Gabert, Gene Sorensen, and Fred Zaug. Others present: Roger Holman, John Francis, Bob Faulks, Kristine Faulks, and Jerry Lyons.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Gabert, seconded by Sorensen to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Much, seconded by Gabert to approve the April 7, 2016 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment: McClone opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

New Member Introduction: Fred Zaug was introduced as the new Park & Recreation Committee member.

New Dog Park Proposal: Bob Faulks presented information to the Committee on the proposed dog exercise area located on the corner of Co. Hwy. QQ and Q. The Park will be leased or deeded to the County, with all development costs paid by Toto, a non-profit organization. The 26 acre park would be open to the public, with a user fee charged for use by dogs (similar to Portage County). Holman explained the County's role in the park, noting that the user fee would help cover operational costs. Holman stated Francis would work with the Toto organization in design and development of the park. Holman stated the recommendation is to enter into an agreement with Toto, with the understanding Toto will raise the funds for development of the park and the County, through an lease agreement or deed, will manage and operate the park.

Discussion followed on the location of the park, fees, benefits to the community, and the generous proposal.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Much to enter into an lease agreement or accept a deed from Toto for the development and management of the dog/human exercise park located at Co. Hwy. QQ and Q. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Simpson Property Donation: There was no action or discussion on the Simpson property donation.

White Lake Dam Update: Holman and Francis reported that the White Lake Dam was inspected by the DNR and the status of the dam has been changed from a large dam to a small dam. Holman stated that with this change in designation the County will no longer have to complete a dam break analysis at an estimated \$15,000. Francis reported that during the inspection a small breach in the dike was found and needs to be repaired. Holman stated, that after research on the dam access and ability to complete work repairing or upgrading the dam, we have the right to repair the dam. Holman stated they will work with property owners to complete the repairs.

Holman recommended that Francis work to gain a direct access to the dam through an easement. The Committee asked Francis to put together an agreement.

Crystal River Access Site: Francis reported that he has started work on clearing an access at the Crystal River Access Site. The goal is to develop a temporary trail to the river and a small parking

area until the final sale is completed and then work towards developing the site with permanent parking, a road to the river, restrooms, and picnic areas.

Park Supervisor Report: Francis reported on the storage removal at the Fairgrounds, the 2002 F250 is for sale on wisconsinsurplus.com, water was being turned on at the Fairgrounds by staff, all the parks will be open by May 7th, discussed seasonal hires – we have a full staff, timber sale underway at the County Forest, and discussed upcoming activities at the Fairgrounds.

Director Report - Roger Holman: Holman reported that staff training was completed on agenda and minutes writing and interviewing, Bob Reath is retiring, 5-year CIP Plans are being updated by the Land & Water Conservation Dept., Solid Waste and Parks Dept. presentations were given to the County Board, and a Land & Water Conservation presentation will be given in May.

Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting was set for 8:00 a.m. on June 7th, with a tour of the southern parks.

Adjourn: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Zaug to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Director