

WAUPACA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – December 7th, 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; Vice-Chair Fred Zaug; Supervisors Lee Much, and Dona Gabert. Gene Sorensen was on excused absence. Others present: John Francis.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Much, seconded by Zaug to approve the November 9th minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Grandstands Pavilion: Francis reported he has sent out requests for quotes to 3 engineering companies to have the plans made for the building. Francis also reported that he is working with the Finance Department to see if there is a way to hold the project money beyond November 2017 to allow a project start after Fair of 2017. After some discussion the Committee directed Francis to move forward with the construction as soon as possible so that it would be completed prior to November of 2017 and avoid the need to carry money over. It was further discussed that the Department should work with the Car Show people to make accommodations so that they are able to have their event even if the site is disturbed at that time.

Director Report

- a. **Department Activities:** Francis handed out and went over a revenue report created by Kristy Harris showing Parks Department revenues from 2012-2016. Francis reported that they had bought a storage container for parking the groomer in at the Waupaca High School – this will be moved to the shop area in the spring. It is a temporary solution until a permanent building can be constructed.
- b. **2016 Project & Purchase Update:** Projects were discussed on the tour.

Park Tour:

- **Dog Park:** Met with Ellen Davis and Cory Loughrin representing the Tails to Trails dog exercise area to look at what they have done so far in developing the park at the corner of Cty Q & QQ. They explained what the goals were for the project and how they were going about achieving them.
- **Dake and Miner Landings:** These launches were recently replaced and Francis explained how the construction was done “in the wet” vs. dewatering as had been done on other launches.
- **Fisherman’s Park – Fremont:** This stop was to view the recently completed shoreline rehab project. The old concrete wall was removed and riprap was placed around the front and side shorelines. The Waupaca County Highway Department did this work and costs came in far under the estimates we had from private excavators. There was discussion on what other work could be done within the scope of this project grant. Francis will look into the possibilities for this site.
- **Gill’s Landing:** The Committee viewed the progress of the sea-wall replacement project currently underway by McMullen and Pitz of Manitowoc. The first section of wall is mostly

complete and they are almost half done with the second section. They hope to be done by Christmas.

- **TRST – Manawa Bridge & Ogdensburg Depot:** The Committee did not visit the bridge due to poor weather conditions and time constraints. Francis stated that he had met with a DNR representative the day prior on the bridge to discuss how to obtain funding to get the bridge converted to pedestrian and snowmobile use. This will be a long process but would connect the Tomorrow River State Trail directly to Manawa. The tour went past the falling down depot building in Ogdensburg and Francis reported that the DNR grant people said the money to have the building removed should be coming any day now.
- **Pauer's Property:** The Committee viewed the new storage shed that was completed in November to replace the garage and another shed. The old garage has been removed and the other shed will remain until it becomes unstable and has to be taken down.
- **Returned to Courthouse**

Upcoming Meetings: The next Committee Meeting was set for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 11th 2017 at the Waupaca County Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by Gabert, seconded by Much to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis
Parks and Solid Waste Director