

**WAUPACA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Waupaca County Courthouse**

Chair McClone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

**Roll Call:** Chair Joe McClone; Vice-Chair Gene Sorensen; Supervisors Dona Gabert and Fred Zaug. Others present: John Francis. Supervisor Lee Much was excused.

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by Gabert, seconded by Zaug to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment/Correspondence:** McClone stated that he talked with several members of the public concerning the horse track at the Fairgrounds and they were not in favor of removing it. There were no members of the public present. No correspondence to report.

**Site Visit to the Fairgrounds:**

- **Fairgrounds Track Conversion Project:** Mr. Stelzner and several other people representing the tractor pulling groups and Fire on Ice were present and described the group's proposal to remove the banking and track from turns 3 and 4 on the west end of the track. They would then use the clay and fill from those areas to develop a second pulling lane parallel to and north of the existing pulling track. This would allow them to host bigger truck and tractor pulls during fair and may lead to hosting a nationals event outside of fair in the future. This project would benefit the Fire on Ice group by giving them room to do their "hot-pits" inside the track fence. The Fair would benefit by having more parking space available. There was discussion about possible future horse racing and how much it must have cost to develop the track in the first place. There were questions about how much material would be needed to develop the 2<sup>nd</sup> pulling track and what exactly would be needed to make it happen. It was decided that the Park Committee was not in favor of removing the horse track banking to develop the pulling track but that they did approve of the group developing the second pulling lane if they were able to. This would require bringing fill and clay from an outside source.
- **Grandstands Pavilion:** The Committee toured the new building as it is nearing completion. There was much discussion about the various features and future uses of the building. It was suggested that a County Board Meeting be held in the building when it is complete.

**Director Report**

- **Department Activities:** Francis reported on the progress of the various projects underway on the ride to and from the Fairgrounds including the Crystal River Canoe Access site development, storage, Gill's Landing, White Lake, and others.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The November meeting was moved to 7:30 am Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the Waupaca County Courthouse prior to the County Board Meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Zaug, seconded by Gabert to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis  
Parks and Solid Waste Director