

**WAUPACA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**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 Gene Sorensen; Supervisors Lee Much, Dona Gabert and Fred Zaug. County Staff present: John Francis, Diane Meulemans, Casey Beyersdorf, and Greg Flohr. Others present: Jane Haasch, Carol Elvery, Cindy Kelm, Trish Nau, Pat Phair, Patricia Timm, Robert Forseth, Helene Pohl, DeAnna Hannigen, Kay Ellis, Bob Ellis, Georgia Calvo, John Groaner and Larry Craig.

**Review and Approve Agenda:** Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Zaug to approve the agenda with the change of moving item #6 to after item #8. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by Much, seconded by Sorensen to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Comment/Correspondence:** McClone opened the meeting for public comment, Patricia Timm spoke in support of adding the proposed Golding Park to the county park system. She expressed how obtaining a parcel on the Crystal River is a once in a lifetime opportunity to leave a nice place for future generations to enjoy. She also urged the County to manage without chemical use.

There were no others that wanted to comment at that time so the session was closed by McClone.

**Golding Park Project – Working Together for Waupaca County:** McClone invited Jane Haasch to speak about the Golding Park Project. She handed out two packets of information regarding the proposed park and explained that they are requesting that the County add the project to the Comprehensive Plan so that an acquisition grant could be applied for. Haasch talked about a proposal to develop a walking/biking trail parallel to Cty Hwy K that would connect the proposed park to the Wau-King Trail. She also explained how the park would be developed and discussed how the rental of the house and barn for gatherings would pay for the upkeep of the park. They would develop a friends group to guide the development and maintenance of the park into the future. She stated that they were not asking for any money from the County, only recognition in the plan that would allow a grant to be applied for. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 is the deadline for the grant application.

McClone asked Haasch why the township was not sponsoring the project. Haasch explained that the park would benefit the entire County so it should be managed at the County level.

Helene Pohl talked about engaging the youth in the outdoors to combat addiction to electronic devices. She also pointed out that as the population of the area declines there will need to be something to attract people to this area and natural resources are listed as most important behind good schools and jobs. She also repeated that Working Together for Waupaca County was not looking for money for the project from the County.

There was some questions asked of the group and discussion among the Committee Members.

McClone thanked the group for their presentation and then moved to the next agenda item.

**Camp Vic-To-Rae Management Options:** Meulemans (Corporation Council) gave a brief overview of the various agreements and grants that impact what is allowed to happen at the Camp Vic-To-Rae property. She explained what was done at each step in the process and how that impacts future efforts. There were many questions asked and much discussion. The conclusion was that it would appear the parcel should only be used for public day-use according to the grant used to fund the purchase of the property. This can possibly be changed by a request to the DNR Board but the County must first have a good plan on what they would like to do. Francis will be looking into what it would take to make such a request and what our management options are moving forward. He will report back at the next meeting.

**Waupaca County Fair Board Proposal for Grandstands Pavilion Office Space:** Francis handed out a proposal from the Fair Board to rent the office space in that building for \$100.00 a month. There was some discussion and it was determined that no action should be taken on this matter until the building is complete and the Committee has a chance to check it out. Francis was directed to inform the Fair Board of this new timeframe.

### **Director Report**

- **Department Activities:** Francis reported on the progress of the Grandstands Pavilion building. He stated that the goal was to have the building ready to go for the Fire on Ice races in February.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 am Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Waupaca County Courthouse.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

John D. Francis  
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