

# Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

September 7, 2011

1. **Call to Order:** Parks Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 5:10 pm in the Wisconsin Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Roger Reichwein, Vilas Hanson, and Paul Syverson. Also: Pat Harris
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Vilas Hanson to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Roger Reichwein. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting:** Motion by Roger Reichwein to approve Parks minutes, seconded by Vilas Hanson. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Coordinator Report:** No Report.
6. **Farm Progress Days Park Update:**

Discussion regarding the fountain electrical bill increase. Roger Reichwein had checked with the Arcadia Golf Course and Riverland Energy on what would cause such an increase and both did not think it was the fountain alone. We have not heard from Mary Gullicksrud on the survey by the Whitehall Utility Service to see what they say.  
No update on the stump removal.
7. **Pietrek Park Update:**
  - a. **Park Maintenance Update:** Pat Harris told of the Antique Tractor Ride that based itself at the Park. Over forty tractors were involved. Pat said they were very happy with being able to use the Park. The Highway Dept. will be contacted about finishing the lower loop. They are hauling on a back-haul basis to save us money and will be completing. Pat gave a short update on the park maintenance. He had a spindle on mower that needed to be fixed. Now that the weather has cooled down, he will get back to painting. The gophers have increased again, so he will start trapping again since the badger is gone. The Committee discussed Pat's schedule for the rest of the season. The Committee also discussed the Inspection Report from the Health Dept. that was done recently. Only two concerns: one being the numbers on the lower campsites and two being the location of a dump station. Pat is working on the numbers. They were nailed to trees, but he will put up posts with the numbers on. As for the dump station location; the nearest one is in Whitehall, since Independence closed. Roger Reichwein suggested that we have Semingson Plumbing come to our next meeting and discuss cost and viability of having the dump station right at the park. There is a stub there that was put in with the original Toilet/Shower facility. This may bring in more campers, knowing that there is one close by. Also if non-campers wanted to use it, we could have a charge for that. Pat Harris also mentioned that he could use a belt sander for the picnic tables and benches. The Committee told him to look for one. Also in regard to the Inspection Report, it was noted that the report stated the Campground was clean, sanitary and well maintained. Pat was complimented for maintaining the park so well. Camping has again increased.
  - b. **Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update:** No Report. The Highway Dept. is building a donation canister like the camping registration one. When it is completed, Pat will find a good location for it.
  - c. **Rod & Gun Project Update:** Nothing to report as is finished.
  - d. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wrap up:** All bills are in. Program was taped and has been on cable TV. Roger Reichwein will deliver the check to the 4-H Club.
  - e. **Dump Station Location:** Discussed earlier.
  - f. **Fire Extinguisher Locations:** Pat Harris said there is one in each shelter, two in the shop, one in the camper and one in the truck.
8. **Finance Reports:** Revenues: Budgeted \$6,400. Received to date \$6,801.20. Expenses: Budgeted \$30,807. Spent to date \$27,533.93
9. **Date for Next Meeting:** October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse
10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Paul Syverson and seconded by Reichwein to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.