

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

August 1, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 5:00 pm in the Shelter of the Farm Progress Days County Park between Whitehall and Independence, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Robert Pietrek, Lynda Byrne, Vilas Hanson, Olin Fimreite, Roger Reichwein and Paul L. Syverson. Also present were the Health Care Center Board of Trustees, Douglas Winters, Ernest Vold, Michelle Haines, Nelson Richason and Barb Gronemus, Pat Harris, Joan Hanson, Mary Gullicksrud, Wade Brost and other Health Care Center employees.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Lynda Byrne to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Olin Fimreite Motion carried.
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting:** Motion by Olin Fimreite to approve Parks minutes, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Coordinator Report:** Stacy Sylla, Snowmobile Coordinator for Trempealeau County sent a Report saying that all Maintenance funding was spent for the 2011-2012 grant and that \$2,322.85 was receipted back to the County Clerk's Budget for her time, mileage, copies and faxes. She is still waiting to hear from the City of Independence regarding the bridge project. She needs to discuss funding and where they want the bridge. Bob Pietrek volunteered to check with the City.
6. **Farm Progress Days Park Update:** The Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Parks was called to order by Chair Winters along with certification of Open Meeting Laws. Mary Gullicksrud welcomed everyone and told about some of the improvements happening at the Park. They have leveled the fishing dock and cleaned up the tree damage. The ball field has been used a lot for Special Olympics with teams from all over the State. There have been Little League games as well. Bob Gunderson and Bill Kerschner have been doing a great job on the Park and were thanked for their work. Also the fountain, being on a timer, has been working well on keeping the duckweed gone. Joint Meeting was adjourned.
9. **Pietrek Park Update:**
 - A. **Dump Station Update:** Tower is in along with wand for fresh water. Motion by Roger Reichwein and seconded by Olin Fimreite to charge Non-campers \$10.00 for use of the Dump Station. Motion carried. We will get a stamp and envelopes to put money in.
 - B. **Camping Update:** Camping seems to still be holding its own.
 - C. **Park Maintenance Update:** Pat updated the committee on the maintenance at the park. Regarding concern of the pine trees having a disease, Paul had the County Forester to come and check them. he said it appears to be hail damage. As for the mowing, with the heat, there should not have been so much mowing. The committee instructed the County Clerk to pay only the thirteen times we had contracted with the mowing company.
 - d. **Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update:** There has been some use to the arena. Question regarding putting in a sand point for horse water with a sign for non-human use. Motion by Lynda Byrne and seconded by Olin Fimreite to check into pricing with Semingson. Motion carried.
 - e. **Signage for Renaming Upper Shelter:** Robert Pietrek has a rock for a plaque.
10. **Finance Reports:** The July report was presented. Budgeted Revenue is \$7,500. To date revenue through July is \$5,492.95. Budgeted Expense is \$29,445. Spent \$21,949.16
11. **Date for Next Meeting:** September 5th, at 5pm at the Pietrek County Park.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion by Lynda Byrne and seconded by Roger Reichwein to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5.37pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary