

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

February 6, 2013

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 9:06 pm in the Community Room of the Village Hall in Trempealeau Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Robert Pietrek, Lynda Byrne, Roger Reichwein Olin Fimreite and Paul L. Syverson. Also present was Rian Radtke, Kevin Lien and residents of the area in question. Sign-in sheet included Ted Litsheim, Ceil Litsheim and Connie Doerre.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Lynda Byrne to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Roger Reichwein. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion of Converting County Owned Properties:** Corporation Counsel had sent letters to the head of the water trust with no response. Residents of the area were then invited by letter to attend this meeting. Ted and Ceil Litsheim and Connie Doerre attended to discuss the issue of the well and pump house. The issue is that these are on the County's property and Emergency Management is dealing with FEMA as the property was purchased with Flood buyout funds. The Parks Committee got involved as one of the options is to make the property a County Park. If a park is developed, water would be needed, and then what else. We would not be allowed to build anything such as a bathroom facility. The Committee is just explaining possibilities. Kevin Lien explained types of camping, mainly primitive. Corporation Counsel explained the well trust. Glen Brommerich is the president of the trust. Residents are maintaining the well and pump house as well as the surrounding area, keeping it mown and clean. We need to raise the well to two feet over the 100 year flood elevation. FEMA wants it removed or raised. The residents were invited to give their views. They felt there are enough campgrounds in the area. They realized something has to be done with the well and pump house. They have looked into moving the well to one of the adjacent properties, but it would cost a lot. The option of raising it would need FEMA approval too, along with the village and the DNR. Corporation Counsel explained that a different committee is working on the well and pump house issue and that the Parks Committee is just pondering whether or not to pursue the campground issue. If a campground is looked at, who would maintain the park and patrol for security? The Committee asked if someone from the Trust would work with the County to get things moving. Connie Doerre accepted. **Motion by Roger Reichwein and seconded by Olin Fimreite to proceed with looking into the campground, but not a full blown campground, and to wait and see until the well issue is resolved. Motion carried. Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Lynda Byrne that if discussions on this issue by other committees are held, that a member of the Parks Committee be included. Motion carried.** The Committee thanked the Trust members for maintaining the area.
5. **Date for Next Meeting:** April 3, 2013.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Robert Pietrek and seconded by Lynda Byrne to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary