

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

November 6, 2013

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 5:11 pm in the Wisconsin Room at the Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Vilas Hanson, Robert Pietrek, Olin Fimreite and Paul L. Syverson.
Also present were Stacy Sylla, Jami Kabus and Joan Hanson
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Vilas Hanson to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Bob Pietrek. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting:** Motion by Robert Pietrek to approve Parks minutes for October 4, 2013 meeting, seconded by Vilas Hanson. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Activities:**
Stacy Sylla gave an update to the committee in regards to the Snowmobile Grant and bridge grants that are in progress. She talked about the Independence Bridge. There is an issue with the sand company with regard to the snowmobile trail crossing their land. The sand company first said no and then has said they will check on it. She has not bid the project yet. She does not want to build a bridge that has no access to it.
6. **Farm Progress Days County Park:**
Bob Duellman stopped to check on the Park and also on the Men's bathroom with the screw sticking out and the nests. Nests are gone, but screw is still sticking out, and also the women's rest room was terrible. **Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Vilas Hanson to tear down the restroom if it is not maintained. Motion Carried.**
7. **Pietrek Park Update:**
 - A. **Park Maintenance Update:** We checked and the painting is still not finished on Women's. We will thank the Highway Department for their work and materials for road. The lawn mower was checked by the Highway Department and it is basically destroyed from neglect. Park is maintained poorly lately. Mowing by Matt Clatt was excellent this summer and we would like to have Matt come to our next meeting to talk about the second year of his contract.
 1. **Storm Damage/Insurance Claim:** Completed.
 2. **Water/Electricity Turnoff:** Water is off to shelters, but still on in the Toilet/Shower facility which is heated. Shower heads are missing in the men's side.
 3. **Park Closing:** December 1st.
 4. **2014 Park Worker:** Committee discussed what direction they wanted to go with a maintenance worker for the 2014 season. Jami Kabus was present to help and give information. We can have Manpower do a search or we could hire as a County employee. Discussed benefits. 1,200 hours to become eligible for WRS. The Affordable Care Act was discussed as a factor. She will put together a chart for the next meeting.
 - B. **Camping Update:** Ken Myers had sent maps he had made for the expansion of the camping area. We will discuss at next meeting.
 - C. **Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update:** Bob Pietrek has contacted Dan Feltes at Independence Lumber and Darrin Grey of the High School and they will do the work.
 - D. **Plaque for Don Kloss Shelter:** Still working on it. We have a quote from LaCrosse Monument of \$740 installed.
8. **Finance Reports:** The 2013 Financial Report was presented. Budgeted Revenue is \$7,000. For the year the total is \$9,720.66. Budgeted Expenses with Non-Lapsing are \$42,570.82. Expenses so far are \$49,103.41. We are showing a deficit of \$6,532.59. Net deficit is \$3,811.93.

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9. Date for Next Meeting: December 4, 2013, at 5pm at the Courthouse in Whitehall Wisconsin.

10. Adjourn: Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Vilas Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary