

## Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

December 4, 2013

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 5:00 pm in the Wisconsin Room at the Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Lynda Byrne, Roger Reichwein, Olin Fimreite and Paul L. Syverson.  
Also present were Matt Clatt, Eldon & Suzanne Duha, June Duha & Son Mitchell, Butch Halama and Jami Kabus
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 for November 6, 2013 meeting, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Activities:**  
Stacy Sylla was not present, but wrote an update to the committee in regards to the Snowmobile Grant and bridge grants that are in progress. The Maintenance Agreement with the Associated Snowmobile Clubs was discussed. **Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Lynda Byrne to accept and sign the agreement. Motion carried.** Committee signed agreement. In regards to the Independence Bridge, she has received a verbal "OK" from Hi-Crush with regard to the snowmobile trail crossing their land. She would still like to wait until she has a signed Land Use Agreement before she bids out the project. **Motion by Lynda Byrne and seconded by Roger Reichwein to not bid until we receive a signed agreement. Motion carried.**  
Butch Halama was present to tell Committee of WHTL's venture into broadcasting Trail conditions. They will contact Stacy three days a week for conditions and then broadcast. They are getting sponsors to fund the program
6. **Farm Progress Days County Park:**  
Bob Duellman stopped to check on the Park and also talked with Mary Gullicksrud. She will make sure the Men's bathroom with the screw sticking out gets fixed. The doors are locked so there is no access.
7. **Pietrek Park Update:**
  - A. **Park Maintenance Update:** Condition of Park was discussed. Bob Duellman and Paul Syverson both stopped and quite a bit of the fall cleanup has not been done. Picnic tables have not been put away. The Duhas were present to tell of their concerns at the Park. They were at Park the week before their celebration and the fire pits were not clean and the garbage not picked up. They were very disappointed when they were told it would be done before their event. They came on Thursday of the event and it still was not done. They could not even walk on the trails as there were trees and brush on the trail. Also broken glass on the beach. They even had to clean the Upper shelter before their event. They were looking for some adjustment on their bill. Bob Duellman suggested \$200 off. Mrs. Duha thought \$300 would be fairer. After more discussion, Bob Duellman suggested \$350 and Duhas thought the \$300 was still fair. **Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Lynda Byrne take \$300 off bill. Motion carried.** The main issue was the shape the park was in.  
Matt Clatt was present to talk about the mowing and getting things in order for next year. The spring this year was a tough one, with flooding, so mowing did get behind a bit. There was a lot of sand in the lower part. He even got stuck in the sand and had to get pulled out. He would like to see the Highway Department come and clean up the sand. He said the trees and shrubs need trimming and this winter would be a good time to do that. Trail also needs clean up. The Committee asked Matt if he could do some of that. He said he could. He will go out to Park and look things over and give us some pricing. **Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Bob**

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**Duellman to authorize Paul to represent the Committee in getting that pricing as the Committee will not meet again until April. Motion carried.**

- 1. Storm Damage/Insurance Claim:** Completed except for the announcer stand.
- 2. Water/Electricity Turnoff:** Semingson has blown out the lines and winterized. They did not do the water conditioner. Paul contacted Culligan about the conditioner and they have not gotten back to him. He does not want to turn the electricity off until it has been winterized.
- 3. Park Closing:** It is closed.
- 4. 2014 Park Worker:** Committee was asked if we wanted an employee or if we want to contract for the work. Jami Kabus was present and handed out a price comparison on both ways.

**Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Paul Syverson to contract with Midwest Labor at 25 hours a week for 2014. Motion carried.**

- B. Camping Update-Expansion of Campgrounds:** Committee felt we should wait until next year and see how our finances are.
- C. Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update:** No update, but the school and lumber yard are working on it.
- D. Plaque for Don Kloss Shelter:** **Motion by Roger Reichwein and seconded by Lynda Byrne to Purchase plaque from LaCrosse Monument for \$740 installed. Motion carried.**
- E. Shelter Construction Discussion:** Paul gave an update on the money raised so far for a new shelter. We have \$63.00 raised. It was brought up about the money the County will be receiving in 2014 and that one of the uses allowed was for parks. The Committee will put in a request for part of that money to be used for a new shelter. With a number of business closing or having fires, there are not a lot of facilities for wedding receptions and graduations.

**8. Finance Reports:** The 2013 Financial Report was presented. Budgeted Revenue is \$7,000. For the year the total is \$10,289.38. Budgeted Expenses with Non-Lapsing are \$42,570.82. Expenses so far are \$52,212.25. We are showing a deficit of \$9,641.43. Net deficit is \$6,352.05.

**9. Date for Next Meeting:** April 2, 2014 at 5pm at the Courthouse in Whitehall Wisconsin.

**10. Adjourn:** **Motion by Lynda Byrne and seconded by Roger Reichwein to adjourn. Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary