

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

March 19, 2014

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Duellman at 5:07 pm in the Wisconsin Room at the Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Robert Duellman, Lynda Byrne, Bob Pietrek, Olin Fimreite and Paul L. Syverson.
Also present were Joan Hanson 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 December, 2013 meeting, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Activities:**
Stacy Sylla was not present, but wrote an update to the committee. Did a lot of grooming this season, but doesn't look like we will hit supplemental funding. (To be eligible for funding, we must have spent \$33,300 (\$150/mile) on grooming. She has requested all hours from everyone ASAP, so she can see where we are sitting. She is working on next year's grant. Have three extra projects already. Question regarding landowner easement was discussed and Stacy was instructed to continue requesting the easement.
6. **Farm Progress Days County Park:** No Update
7. **Pietrek Park Update:**
 - A. **Review Applications for Caretaker:** Jami Kabus, Olin and Bob Pietrek went through 3 candidates and interviewed; David Smith of Whitehall, David Sosalla of Arcadia and David Kiral of Dodge. Mr. Smith removed his name, as he was no longer interested in the position. Committee discussed the Other two. **Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Olin Fimreite to hire David Sosalla. Motion carried.** The committee will check with Mr. Sosalla on inspecting the Farm Progress Days Park. **Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded to put Bob Pietrek as overseer of Pietrek. Motion carried.** Mr. Sosalla will start April 14th. We will give him a list of duties so all will be in order for May 1st.
 - B. **Park Maintenance Update:** The Committee discussed the pickup situation at the Park. The Highway Dept. has a 1998 Dodge pickup they would be willing to sell to the Parks. They would sell it for \$800. We could sell our old one for junk and get around \$200 to \$300, giving us a net investment of about \$500 to \$600. **Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Paul Syverson to buy 1998 Dodge pickup from Highway Department and to sell old pickup for junk along with any other scrap metal around the Park. Motion carried.**
 1. **Park Opening:** We will be open for Turkey hunting season.
 2. **Water/Electricity Turnoff:** We will call Semingson and Riverland to have both turned on.
 3. **Park Mowing:** Paul talked to Matt and all is in order. We will get Dave's contact info to him.
 4. **2014 Camping & Shelter Rental rates:** Committee decided to leave rates the same for this year.
 - C. **Camping Update-Expansion of Campgrounds:** Committee was informed that we did submit a request of \$10,000. from CAPX2020 funding for the expansion.
 - D. **Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update:** No update; we will check Steve Jelen how things are coming. George Miemietz is ready to put up the announcer stand. We will have the Highway Dept. plow the road open.
 - E. **Plaque for Don Kloss Shelter:** Plaque is ordered. Installation will be May/June. We will plan the celebration after that.
 - F. **Shelter Construction Discussion:** Paul submitted a request for funding through CAPX2020 in the

amount of \$400,000. The Executive and Finance Committee will be discussing this. We will want 20 and 40 amp campsites.

8. Finance Reports: The 2013 Financial Report was presented. Budgeted Revenue was \$7,000. For the year the total is \$10,898.40 was brought. Budgeted Expenses with Non-Lapsing are \$42,570.82. Expenses were \$56,021.32. We are showing a deficit of \$13,450.50. Net deficit is \$9,552.10. For 2014, we have a Revenue Budget of \$17,000 and receipts of \$103.97 so far. For expenses, we have a Budget of \$46,406.42 and have spent \$510.02.

9. Date for Next Meeting: April 30, 2014 at 5pm at the Courthouse in Whitehall Wisconsin.

10. Adjourn: Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Lynda Byrne to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary