

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

June 4, 2014

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Jeanne Nutter at 5:07 pm in the Don Kloss Shelter at the Pietrek Park Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Member present: Jeanne Nutter, Lynda Byrne, Bob Pietrek, Olin Fimreite, Roger Reichwein, Vilas Hanson and Paul L. Syverson.
Also present were Joan Hanson, Stacy Sylla, Duane Moschkau and Steve Jellen
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Olin Fimreite to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting:** Motion by Vilas Hanson to approve Parks minutes, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Activities:**
Stacy Sylla was present, to update the committee. She still has heard nothing on easement from Hi Crush yet. She has contacted them again. This is an \$80,000 bridge project that she cannot proceed with if she doesn't know if they will not allowed. Half of the funding comes from various groups. (Elk Rod & Gun, Lions, etc.). The Committee authorized Sylla to file for an extension on the project. Jeanne Nutter said she would go the Hi-Crush and ask about the easement. We did a lot of grooming this season. Maintenance is at \$80,000 with \$55,500 in State Funds. Stacy will be applying for Supplemental Funds.
6. **Farm Progress Days County Park:** The fountain at the Park has been off due to the Whitehall City water project. Fimreite has been talking to Rod Moen, Mayor, about the water source to the pond from the spring. Health Care Center is doing the maintenance. Paul has been in contact with Mary Gullicksrud on this.
7. **Pietrek Park Update:**
 - A. 1. **View Park:** Duane Moschkau told of the Whitehall FFA planting 100 pines and 20 Black Cherry with assistance from Jim Helgeson. He talked about tree branch cutting and that Matt Clatt can do it. He has done the floors in the bathroom, but it is not adhering well. He was wondering about putting a plastic-type coating on because of the high traffic. **Motion by Paul Syverson and seconded by Fimreite to have Bob Pietrek get estimate on cost from Osseo Plastics. Motion Carried.** Also there was discussion regarding the flower barrels and the rock for the plaque. **Motion by Roger Reichwein and seconded by Bob Pietrek to have Olin Fimreite and Duane Moschkau lay out design and plant flowers. Motion carried.**
 2. **Supervision of Park Superintendent:** The Committee agreed that Supervision of Park Superintendent will stay with Bob Pietrek with the County Clerk as a backup. **Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Olin Fimreite to allow \$300-\$500 for Duane to purchase hands tools like rakes, shovels, a drill and a wheelbarrow and such. Motion carried...**
 3. **Water Hookups to Camp Sites:** Duane said that Gary (person who offered to install water to sites) was camping at park. Talked about initial estimate of \$20,000 is now down to about \$5,600 (Materials). **Motion by Roger Reichwein and seconded by Olin Fimreite to allow up to \$6,000 from Park Expansion account to install water hookups to camp sites. Motion carried.**
- B. **View New Camper/Cement Pad/Setting/Camper Needs:** Committee had viewed. They wondered when the cement pad would be in place. Bob Pietrek said he had talked to Randy Klonecki and it would be done soon.
- C. **Old Camper Issues and Sale:** Bob Pietrek and Duane told about the cost of repairing the old camper. Estimates are over \$2,000 and that the camper was not worth the cost of repair. With the go ahead from County Board to buy a new camper, Bob was going to put a sign on the old one to sell. Before he could do that, a family camping at the Park offered to buy it. Bob struck deal of

\$600 cash which included removing the old camper and positioning the new camper in place after the cement pad is installed. Committee thanked Bob for doing this so fast.

D. Horse Arena/Camping/Trail Update: Steve Jellen was present to talk about the arena area. He is willing to mow and spray the arena area. Since the area is quite high, he will make hay making sure he doesn't hit any of the trees. Once this is done, Matt Clatt should be able to maintain that area too.

E. Camping Update: Duane said camping has been good. There have been very few incidents. Paul said that park receipts are up.

F. Plaque for Don Kloss Shelter Update/Set Dedication: Plaque is in and installed. We will have the celebration at our next Parks meeting. Paul will invite the Kloss family and Jeanne will invite the County Board. Bob Pietrek offered to bring some refreshments.

G. Office Construction: Will be put on next month's agenda.

H. Camping Expansion: This was discussed under 7a.3., but will also be put back on agenda.

8. Finance Reports: The 2014 Financial Reports were presented. Budgeted Revenue is \$17,000. The Expense Budget is \$52,551.10. To date revenue received is \$4,475.94 and expenses are \$16,893.16.

9. Date for Next Meeting: July 2, 2014 at 5pm at the Pietrek Park between Independence and Arcadia Wisconsin, with the ceremony with the Don Kloss plaque.

A. Committee Meetings – Monthly Year Round: Chair Jeanne Nutter announced that with all that is planned and going on at the Park, we will be meeting every month all year.

10. Adjourn: Motion by Lynda Byrne and seconded by Roger Reichwein to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary