

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

January 14, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Chair Jeanne Nutter at 5:07 pm in the Wisconsin Room of the Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Jeanne Nutter, Vilas Hanson, Paul Syverson, Olin Fimreite, and Bob Pietrek. Also present were Joan Hanson, Stacy Sylla, Matt Clatt and Rian Radtke.
3. **Approval of Agenda: Motion by Olin Fimreite to approve Parks Agenda with permission for Chair to determine order, seconded by Vilas Hanson. Motion carried.**
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting: Motion by Olin Fimreite to approve previous Parks Committee minutes, seconded by Vilas Hanson. Motion carried.**
5. **Snowmobile Coordinator Report:** Stacy Sylla was present to update committee on the Status of snowmobile trails. Twenty northern counties are open. We are closed until 6 to 12 inches of snow. The State has \$50,000 for emergency funding. Applications need to be submitted within the week. She talked about the line being Highway 95 distinguishing between the north and south. The issue with the Independence Bridge project was discussed regarding an easement with Hi-Crush. She went out and took pictures and also to measure distances to make sure all is good for insurance purposes. The Independence Club does have an alternate route, but did not tell her where. Those involved in the alternate route would sign easements with one questionable land owner. This would also involve two railroad crossings. This bridge is not just for snowmobiles, it is considered a recreational bridge. Bob Pietrek said we should charge back to the City it is not being able to be used for snowmobiles. Stacy was instructed to proceed with the project.
6. **Ordinance Regarding Management and Use of Park:** Corporation Counsel Rian Radtke was present to discuss the Park Ordinance. He would like to add a Schedule of Deposits so person issuing a citation knows what amount to fill in on the citation. Others items in the document were discussed. **Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Vilas Hanson to table until the next meeting. Motion carried.** Chair Nutter instructed the Committee to come with suggestions as to how or should look like.
7. **Farm Progress Days Parks Update:** No update, but will contact the Health Care Center about including decent bathrooms as part of the construction project.
8. **Pietrek Park Update:**
 - A. **Park Maintenance Update:** Matt Clatt came to talk about the expanded mowing. He had brought a proposal to the September meeting of \$575 per mowing and that it would be a two year contract for 2015 and 2016. He said the new camping area

should be rolled to get the gopher hills flattened out. Matt said that Duane had put chips around the trees which made it easier for him to mow and trim. He thought we could have the Highway Department clean up the sand in the lower area. He will also mow where the brush and chips were.

B. Camping Expansion/Electricity: Paul talked about Jacobson Electric coming in. Jacobson said that Bruce had contacted him last year to do some kind of estimate. The committee did not know anything about it, so decided to have Paul contact Jacobson to come to next meeting.

C. Water Test/Chemical Treatment/Water Softener: The Culligan softener is gone.

1. The Arcadia Fire Department donated a hydrant head to be installed at the Park. They and the Independence Fire Department would like to be able to draw of this hydrant if the need arises for any fires in the close area. Committee will decide at next meeting whether to allow.
2. Meghan Spredemann had contacted Paul and said she had nothing to report at this time.

9. Finance Report/CAPX2020 Funding:

Reports: Paul gave preliminary reports for December 2014. Total expense is \$66,861.05 of the \$66,406.42 budget. This puts us over budget by \$454.63 and all bills are not in yet. Also the awning replacement would have to come away from the Camper budget. Revenue is \$12,324.65 of the \$17,000 budget.

A. Chair Nutter explained that we cannot go and do things at the park until it has been discussed and voted on by the Committee. We are over budget and we are supposed to pay back to the General Fund any unused Camper money. Paul will put together all Camper expenses to see where we are. Also discussed the additional employee wages after December 1st. We are to inform Human Resources that he was done November 30th.

10. Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5pm in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

11. Adjourn: Motion by Olin Fimreite and seconded by Vilas Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Paul L. Syverson, Secretary