

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

May 6, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Lynda Byrne at 5:04pm in the Don Kloss Shelter at the Pietrek County Park between Arcadia and Independence.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Vilas Hanson, Lynda Byrne, Paul L. Syverson and Bob Pietrek. Also present were Joan Hanson, Duane Moschkau, Sherry Rhoda, (Public Health) and Travis Mossman. Jeanne Nutter arrived at about 5:30 and assumed Chair.
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 Bob Pietrek to approve previous Parks Committee minutes, seconded by Vilas Hanson. Motion carried.
5. **Snowmobile Activities**
 - A. **Coordinator Report:** Stacy Sylla was unable to be present to report. She sent an update that was read by the Secretary.
 1. 2014-2015 Snowmobile Funds: We have spent \$35,392.50 of the \$55,500 leaving \$20,107.50 to spend. She only has total maintenance hours for 2 clubs and partial numbers from 2 others. She is missing numbers from 6 clubs. There is a meeting next week about how to spend remaining funds and also about the Groomer Tractor purchase agreement.
 2. Stewardship Grants:
 - a. Various Improvement Projects: Total \$69,000 and asking for \$34,500 for expanding camping, rehab boat landing and revitalizing nature trails.
 - b. Don Kloss Memorial Shelter: Total \$210,000 and asking for \$105,000
The time-line for grant approval is a funding meeting in mid-July and approval from Admin sometime in mid-October with grants sent to sponsors mid-November. No work can begin until we get approval!
 - B. **Groomer Agreement:** Addressed earlier. Will be for next meeting.
6. **Bicycle Club Request for Fat Tire Bicycle Course:** Travis Mossman from the Trempealeau County Bicycle Club appeared to explain this winter event. They own a snowmobile and groomer for maintaining it. Travis will bring a tentative layout to the next meeting.
7. **Outdoor Rec Plan:** The Plan is being updated.
8. **Trempealeau County Tourism:** Paul had sent the Draft Rec Plan to tourism members for their input. No one was able to attend this meeting, but are sending information in.
9. **Farm Progress Days Park Update:** Water fountain is going. Waiting for a response to letter sent regarding updating the bathrooms. Bob Pietrek mentioned that maybe we should put in Port-a-Potties" instead and had price of \$70 from a company.
10. **Pietrek Park Update:**

- A. Park Maintenance Update:** Duane gave a brief update. The Park was just mowed today. A 4-H Club donated birdhouses made by a Pryzbilla. We also need a couple Frisbee goals. We will get them ordered. Duane had a Facebook page created for Pietrek Park. It has a page for the Manager and also could put pictures on.
 - B. Camping Expansion/Electricity:** The new road has been laid out with broken blacktop and topped with crushed rock. Looks good as it is ramped down so Horse trailers don't bottom out.
 - C. Water Test/Chemical Treatment**
 - 1. Public Health/DNR Contacts:** Sherry Rhoda Public Health Director was present and discussed that the 2 required water tests came back good. They will now do the five-test distribution samples next week. The chemical treatment will not be needed. We also talked about the Ashley for the Arts event the second weekend in August and will be submitting an application to expand camping.
 - D. Arena Usage for Rodeo:** Bob Pietrek informed the Committee that Mr. Waldera had broken his leg, but stated that he was still interested. No other update.
 - E. Special Camping – Ashley for the Arts – Schank Farm:** A couple Committee members met with Tom Schank about using their field as an over flow if needed. Paul had talked to Rian Radtke regarding a lease agreement and also Jami Kabus about liability insurance. There seems to be even more questions. We will meet again on the issue.
 - F. Lighting at Park:** Lighting at the Horse arena is not hooked up. Steve Jelen could hook it up. Need to know where to put it.
 - G. Park Manager Department Supervision:** County Board Chair Dick Miller would like to see a department overseeing the Park worker. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10. Finance Reports/CAPX2020 Funding:** Paul presented the finance reports for review.
- 11. Date for Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5pm at the Kloss Shelter at the Pietrek Park.
- 12. Adjourn:** Motion by Bob Pietrek and seconded by Lynda Byrne to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Secretary Paul L. Syverson