

Trempealeau County Parks Committee Minutes

September 2, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Parks meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Olin Fimreite at 5:05pm in the Don Kloss Shelter at the Pietrek County Park between Whitehall and Arcadia.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Olin Fimreite, Lynda Byrne, Roger Reichwein, Paul L. Syverson and Bob Pietrek. Also present were Duane Moschkau, Pam Moschkau, Matt Clatt, Glen Goodsell, Jerry Deetz and Curt Johnson.
3. **Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lynda Byrne to approve Parks Agenda, seconded by Roger Reichwein. Motion carried.**
4. **Minutes of Previous Parks Committee Meeting: Motion by Roger Reichwein to approve previous Parks Committee minutes with two corrections, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.**
5. **Snowmobile Activities**
 1. **Coordinator Report:** Stacy Sylla was not present, so no report.
6. **Farm Progress Days Park Update:**
 - A. **Smoke Free Issue:** Curt Johnson of the Health Care Center talked about the Center going Smoke-Free October 1st. They are concerned that when they do go Smoke Free on the property, people will go over to the shelter at the Park to smoke. Jerry Deetz wants to set a good example for the employees and the residents. A question arose whether residents will become edgy. They did not think so. We will have to check with our Corp. Counsel Rian Radtke if we can designate. We would want the Park adjacent to the Health Care Center to be designated Smoke-Free.
(Jeanne Nutter arrived at 5:20pm)
The Health Care Center would do the necessary signage, if passed. **Motion by Olin Fimreite to Declare the Farm Progress Days County Park Tobacco Free after checking with the Corporation Counsel, seconded by Jeanne Nutter. Motion carried**
 - B. **DOT Issue with Driveway:** Curt Johnson explained the situation with having already four entrances and with the new entrance to the new facility making it five. The DOT considers the driveway to the Park as entrances and wants to only two total, not five. The DOT is not interested in any frontage roads. We must remove two driveways and then have a plan for reducing down to two. **Motion by Roger Reichwein to eliminate the two park accesses and then have the right of way marked, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.**
 - C. **Spring Feeding Pond:** The problem has not been fixed to restore water to the pond. Olin will contact the City regarding this. **Motion by Bob Pietrek that we Corporation Counsel contact the City and Ayres Associates to get this done, Seconded by Olin Fimreite. Motion carried.**

D. Turtle Situation Update: Jim Helgeson will be doing this, but has not yet.

7. Pietrek Park Update:

A. Park Maintenance Update: Duane gave an update on maintenance at the park which is going very good. He said he did not make any comments about the golf cart as he paid for that himself. The phone that was supposed to be installed today, was not. General discussion ensued. Bob Pietrek said question of the Lower Shelter. We could trim the trees and make the shelter all one building and no breezeway. **Motion by Paul Syverson to revamp the Lower shelter and trim the trees, seconded by Olin Fimreite. Motion carried.** We will have Duane trim trees and seal with paint. Inquiry about an overhead horse rail. Bob also brought up that other campgrounds have an end of the season special for campers, say now until October 31st for \$250.00. **Motion by Jeanne Nutter to advertise this special, seconded by Olin Fimreite. Motion carried.** Also discussed the building of our shelter.

B. Tree Removal Quotes: Quotes were opened from Schaefer Tree (\$600) and Codey Bisek (\$700). **Motion by Jeanne Nutter to have Schaefer Tree cut the tree down when the ground gets hard and keep to keep the wood, but get rid of the brush, seconded by Olin Fimreite. Motion carried.**

C. Special Camping-Ashley for the Arts-Final Report-Bills: All went really well. We were nowhere near full. There was some concern that word was out saying we were full. We were not. We even had people park their cars at the Park and ride the shuttle service in to the event.

D. Camping Expansion – Quote from Plum Creek Electric: Geske submitted a quote of \$5,465.00 to install another 8 sites. **Motion by Bob Pietrek to proceed with installing 8 more camp sites next year and budget for it in 2016, seconded by Jeanne Nutter. Motion carried.**

E. Park Mowing: Matt Clatt was present to make sure everything was going okay. Jeremy Matheny had sent an email that was read and attached to the minutes.

F. Honor Benches: Lynda Byrne showed benches from the a couple catalogs. Some were \$575.00 each if we bought three or \$477.00 each if we bought six. **Motion by Jeanne Nutter to purchase six at \$477.00 each from Kirby Built Quality Products, seconded by Olin Fimreite. Motion carried.**

G. Fees for 2016: This will be put on an upcoming meeting.

H. Caretaker Hours & Supervision: Discussion was had regarding the present setup for supervision. Roger Reichwein stated that it is not working, but that we should let it play out the rest of the season and then have discussion on how to handle it next year.

8. Motorcoach Tours Discussion: Olin Fimreite informed the Committee of what is proposed to happen with the Tours at the end of the year and if the Parks would be interested in combining the program under Parks. Paul Syverson said it would fall right

into the new structure of his office. **Motion by Bob Pietrek that the Parks Committee support the combining the Motorcoach Tours under the Parks Committee, seconded by Paul Syverson. Motion carried.**

9. **Resignation of Parks Committee Member/Replacement:** The Committee received a letter from Vilas Hanson, long-time member of the committee, saying that he was resigning from the committee. The committee discussed replacement. Members were instructed to think of people, contact them and bring nominations to the next Parks Committee meeting.
10. **Finance Reports/CAPX2020 Funding:** Paul didn't have Finance Reports for the Committee to review. He will bring to the next meeting. Discussion regarding some Invoices: Duane's Cell Phone: **Motion by Olin Fimreite to pay, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.** And Jul's Johns: **Motion by Lynda Byrne to pay, seconded by Jeanne Nutter. Motion carried.** Discussion on the CAPX2020 funds. We have requested an extension. The Committee thought that if we had to spend these funds by the end of the year, we may have start something this fall and spend the available amount now and then wait for any other funds available from projects that did not get finished.
11. **2016 Budget:** Paul presented the budget for 2016. **Motion by Jeanne Nutter to accept the 2016 Budget, seconded by Lynda Byrne. Motion carried.**
12. **Date for Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 5pm at the Pietrek County Park Don Kloss Shelter or the Courthouse, contingent on the arrival of the benches.
13. **Adjourn: Motion by Lynda Byrne to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Nutter. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Secretary Paul L. Syverson