



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 4th, 2009

9:45 a.m.

Lake Noquebay Park

W6188 County Hwy GG

Crivitz, WI 54114

Members Present: Supervisors William Walker, Russ Bousley, Ken Mattison, Allen Mans, and Laurence Nichols

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott, Public Works Director Mark Desotell, Assistant Parks Director Erik Aleson, DNR Joe Schwantes, Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki and Peshtigo Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

2. Agenda

MOTION (Mattison/Mans) to approve the agenda in amended order. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Minutes

MOTION (Nichols/Mattison) to approve the minutes of May 7th and May 26th, 2009. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Presentation of plaque to retired Parks Foreman

No action taken.

5. Town of Middle Inlet request for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) access on County Forest Roads 901 and 902

Administrator Scott met with town officials regarding request for All Terrain Vehicle access on county forest roads 901 and 902. All Middle Inlet town roads are currently designated as ATV routes. Town of Middle Inlet Chairperson Richard Wade and Clerk/Treasurer Chuck Stanek stated opening county forest roads 901 and 902 would connect properties from Lake Noquebay to Lake Mary and Lake Julia and to Trudgion Road. There are no atv trail heads which limit use mainly to property owners. Administrator Scott stated ATV maintenance monies are not available for county forest roads and possible off road use and enforcement problems are a concern. Mr. Wade and Mr. Stanek stated town would pay for additional grading and signage through donations with volunteers for labor. Assistant Parks Administrator Aleson confirmed there would be no state funding and this would be considered a route (used to connect) not a trail (used for recreation). Joe Schwantes, DNR, questioned whether a precedent would be set.

5. Town of Middle Inlet request for All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) access on County Forest Roads 901 and 902 continued:

Administrator Scott explained each request would stand on its own merit and goal is to satisfy user groups without violating rights of others. **MOTION** (Nichols/Mans) to approve All Terrain Vehicle access on county forest roads 901 and 902 for a one-year trial basis advising fifteen (15) mile per hour speed limit. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Request to purchase county land in the Town of Pembine for purpose of economic development

Tim and Toni Eichinger presented request to purchase county parcel #022-00060.001 for economic development. The Eichingers business plan to establish Black Husky Brewing microbrewery includes selling their draft ale product by bottle, glass and as a wholesaler. They stated a liquor license is available and the community would benefit by involving local truckers, smoked meats and cheese manufacturers. Pembine was chosen since it is a considerable distance from next microbrewery. The requested 5.34 acre parcel previously had stipulations that the premises shall be used for the purpose of economic development to be evidenced by startup of a business that employs at a minimum three full time employees not later than one year after the date of purchase. **MOTION** (Mattison/Mans) to approve parcel #022-00060.001 price per acre of \$2,500.00 based upon size, to split cost of survey and to amend stipulation to two full time employees not later than 18 months after the date of purchase including a five year reversionary clause. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

7. Town of Goodman request to oppose Coleman Lake Club entry into Managed Forest Law Program

Mike Cassidy, Town of Goodman, requested committee opposition to Coleman Lake Club entry into State of Wisconsin Managed Forest Law Program. Coleman Lake Club is a private fishing and hunting club in the Town of Goodman with approximately 8,600 acres. Mr. Cassidy stated Town of Goodman property tax revenue would decrease dramatically and have a detrimental effect. Towns receive approximately \$2.00 per acre from state for properties entered into Managed Forest Program. John Scott stated the managed forest program was established so private landowners would manage their forest land properly with the incentive of reduced property tax rates. An acreage limit of 160 acres under the closed (land not open for public use) managed forest program exists. Attorney Dennis Burgy, representing Coleman Lake Club, stated his client has followed through on requirements of program. Coleman Lake Club has created 56 separate ownerships to apply for this program. **MOTION** (Mans/Bousley) to authorize administrator to draft letter for committee review regarding opposition of Coleman Lake Club entry into Managed Forest Law Program. Motion Carried. Supervisors voting yes - Mans, Mattison and Bousley. Supervisor Walker opposed and Supervisor Nichols abstaining.

8. Timber sale contract extensions

Administrator Scott presented timber sale contract extensions request. **MOTION** (Mans/Bousley) to approve timber sale contract extension requests for contracts signed in 2005 for one-year with a 0% increase to include a performance bond value increase to 100% of the bid value. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mattison) to approve timber sale contract extension requests with scheduled 5% increase. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. **MOTION** (Mans/Nichols) to approve timber sale contract extension requests with scheduled 10% increase. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mans) to approve wood storage amendment request. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. Copy of the list of contract extensions and amendments is attached to these minutes.

Supervisor Mattison excused at 12:30 p.m.

9. Tax deed land sale

Tax deed Village of Wausaukee parcel that was former laundromat has possible soil contamination. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to remove parcel #191-01443.000 from tax deed land sale. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

10. Correspondence

No correspondence.

11. Report on Forestry Division Activities field accomplishments of Forestry Crew & Foresters

John Scott presented the Forestry Division Office May 2009 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

12. DNR Forestry Liaison Officer Report on DNR activities on County Forest Land

Joe Schwantes, DNR, reported county forest time standard hours have been met. Athelstane Barrens prescribed burn was accomplished to eliminate brush oak, maple and aspen regeneration. Hunter walking trails will be mown soon. One male Kirkland Warbler was seen on Marinette County Forest land.

13. Monthly invoices

MOTION (Mans/Nichols) to approve the Schedule of Vouchers. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

14. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of May totaled \$120,084.17. Revenue is \$133,664.93 more than 2008 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

15. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Bousley excused at 1:05 p.m.

16. Tour recent and/or active county timber sales T33N, R21E, S22 & S23; view ATV issues on County Forest Roads 901 and 902

County Forest Roads 901 and 902 were viewed in conjunction with Town of Middle Inlet request for ATV access. Toured Superior Michigan timber sale contract #3359 - T33N, R21E, S22.

17. Adjourn

MOTION (Nichols/Mans) to adjourn at 2:33 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Lynn Swiatnicki
Administrative Secretary Forestry