



MINUTES

PARKS COMMITTEE

Annual Snowmobile/All Terrain Vehicle Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Wausaukee Town Hall
N11856 Hwy 141
Wausaukee, WI 54177

Members Present: Chairperson William Walker, Supervisor Russ Bousley,
Supervisor Ken Mattison, Supervisor Allen Mans

Members Excused: Supervisor Laurence Nichols

Members Absent: Supervisor Laurence Nichols

Others Present: Assistant Parks Administrator Erik Aleson, Forestry and Parks
Administrator John Scott, WDNR Warden Dave Oginski Jr.,
Members of the Marinette County Snowmobile Alliance, Members of
Marinette County ATV Clubs, Marinette County Sheriff's Department
Snowmobile/ATV Patrol, Peshtigo Times

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Walker at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approve/Amend agenda items

MOTION (Mans/Mattison) Agenda approved. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Informational: Consider grant projects made by the Snowmobile Clubs which were submitted

Erik Aleson discussed all continuing projects that had been presented to the department, and noted that all projects such as culvert replacements seeking to use left over maintenance dollars need to be completed by end of June. New projects submitted included 2 miles of gravel on the trail north of Benson Lake Road and the culvert extension and trail widening along High Falls Road by the Dam.

4. Informational: Consider snowmobile items of interest

The following snowmobile issues/concerns were discussed:

- Andy Malecki noted that AWSC contracted with Discover Wisconsin to produce a family snowmobile recreation video for future airing.

5. Informational: Consider grant projects made by the All Terrain Vehicle Clubs which were submitted

Erik Aleson discussed all potential new All Terrain Vehicle trail mileage and project requests, which had been presented to the department. The Committee will review the projects submitted at their April 5, 2012 meeting.

6. Informational: Consider All Terrain Vehicle items of interest

The following All Terrain Vehicle issues/concerns were discussed:

- Erik Aleson gave an update on the recently passed UTV registration program.
- Erik Aleson discussed the grant application for a new ATV campground near Mirror Lake.
- Closing of the ATV trails for the season was discussed. Decision will be made by 9:00 the following morning after all facts are gathered.
- Discussion was held on a possible countywide ATV Trail speed limit. Most comments were that 25 mph was too slow and would reduce usage, 35 mph was more acceptable but probably no speed limit is necessary and would be very difficult and expensive to enforce. This will be discussed further at future committee meetings.

7. Adjourn

MOTION (Mattison/Mans) to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

John T. Scott
Forestry and Parks Administrator