



MINUTES

PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 9, 2011
10:30 a.m.
Marinette County Courthouse
1926 Hall Ave., 3rd Floor, Room C314
Marinette, WI 54143

Members Present: Supervisors William Walker, Russ Bousley, Laurence Nichols, Allen Mans
Members Excused: Supervisor Ken Mattison
Members Absent: Supervisor Ken Mattison
Others Present: County Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott, Assistant Parks Administrator Erik Aleson, Supervisor Mike Cassidy, Jeanne Harper, Alvin Wanholm (Iron Snowshoe Club), Clerk/Typist Kathy Coleman, Peshtigo Times

1. Reconvene

Meeting reconvened at 10:41 a.m. after the Forestry Meeting.

2. Approve/Amend agenda items

MOTION (Mans/Bousley) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Approve/Amend minutes of May 5th, May 18th, and May 24th, 2011

MOTION (Nichols/Walker) to approve the minutes of May 5th, May 18th, and May 24th, 2011. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Public Comment – Limited to five minutes per person

Jeanne Harper addressed the Committee regarding concerns related to Vets Journey Home Retreat Group's sweat lodge (Inipi) at Camp Bird. She read an e-mail from Dan Shulla (National Association of Medics & Corpsmen, National Chaplain) that stated there were issues with fire safety, "leave only foot prints and take only memories" and religious issues.

The main issue is whether the structure can stay up as a permanent structure at Camp Bird or whether it needs to be taken down each year. The structure will be checked out at the next Park's Committee Meeting, which will be held at Camp Bird on July 8th.

Supervisor Mike Cassidy stated he was in support of the concept of building an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) campground in the area by Mirror Lake. He hopes it will be developed and could see it helping a number of communities in the area.

Alvin Wanholm of the Iron Snowshoe Club told the Committee that currently the State Forest Land owners are not agreeing to ATV trails being located on their property. ATV's are currently using the town roads. County X is dangerous and there are many safety issues regarding the use of it. Both Erik Aleson and John Scott suggested that a recreation lane would be the best solution. Erik and John will look at the area and this item will be addressed on next month's agenda.

5. Informational: All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) route requests on Town of Stephenson roads near Twin Bridges Park

Erik Aleson reported that the Town of Stephenson approved ATV use of Ranch Road down to Twin Bridge Resort. They also approved north of Ranch Road to Tall Oaks to Boat Landing #6 Road to Hilltop Resort.

6. Correspondence: Correspondence if not specifically listed will be for information only

Segway information was shared with the Committee.

7. Informational: Monthly Park Activity Report

Parks Activity Report (copy attached) presented and accepted.

8. Informational: Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue report (copy attached) presented and accepted.

9. Discuss/Consider Schedule of Invoices, Action, If Any

Committee reviewed May schedule of invoices totaling \$61,383.96.

10. Set date for next meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 8, 2011 at Camp Bird.

13. Adjourn

MOTION (Nichols/Mans) to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.