

Forestry and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2018

Members Present: Bill Chaney, Ron Karl, Dave Campbell, Mike Miller, Don Dehart

Members Absent: Steve Bunda, Kris Houle

Others Present: Joan Ginter, Ben Broquard, Adam Bontje, Jack Matuszewski, Randy Werth, Wayne Daul

1. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Bill Chaney at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approve Amended Agenda:

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. All present voting aye, motion carried.

3. Approve minutes:

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting. All present voting aye, motion carried.

4. Short Report on FSFC Meeting – Tom Tallier:

The committee was informed of a tour that the FSFC is planning which will invite Federal and State officials to attend. Tallier will inform the Forestry Committee on the dates when they come available.

5. Update discussion and possible action on Veterans Memorial Park Improvements:

The committee was informed of that the Park would need 25 trees to plant this fall and that the Forestry and Parks Department would like to pursue various grants to make more improvements to the Park. Motion by Miller and seconded by Karl to purchase the 25 trees and pursue any available grants for the improvements of the park. All present voting aye, motion carried.

6. Update discussion and possible action on the construction of a warming hut on LMT 6:

Wayne Daul addressed the committee on the plans to construct a warming hut on LMT 6. Motion by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve the construction of a warming hut (approximately 14 x14) on the LMT 6 All members present voting aye, motion carried.

7. Update discussion and possible action on NST trail bridges:

The committee was informed of the issues that were brought to the attention of the Forestry and Parks Department by the WI DNR. Motion by Dehart and seconded by Miller to pursue grants to repair bridges and hire a structural engineer to inspect bridges.

8. Closed Session:

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to convene into closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Bunda-Absent, Chaney-Aye, Campbell-Aye, Houle-Absent, Karl-Aye, Dehart-Aye, Miller-Aye. All members present voting aye, motion carried. Closed Session.

9. Reconvene to open session:

Motion by Karl and seconded by Miller to reconvene to open session. All members present voting aye, motion carried. Open Session.

a) **County Forest Administrator probationary period** --No action

b) **Administrative Assistant Wage** --Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to recommend to the Personnel Committee to bring the Administrative Assistant wage up .56 an hour (to be comparable with other support staff wages) retroactive from July 1, 2018. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

c) **Park Manager** – Motion by Miller and seconded by Karl to recommend to Personnel Committee to raise the Park Manager salary to \$15,000.00 along with current incentives.

10. Discussion and possible action on Forestry and Parks budgets:

The committee was given the budget worksheets prepared by the department and they were discussed and adjusted. Motion by Karl and seconded by Miller to forward the budgets (as revised) to the Finance Committee. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

11. Update, discussion and possible action on future land acquisitions:

The Forest Administrator updated the committee on the progress of the department locating new parcels that would be great additions to the county forest. Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to pursue any new parcels that would be advantageous to the County. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

12. Public comments on agenda items:

None.

13. Set next meeting date:

September 26, 2018 at 5:00 pm

10. Adjournment: Motion by Karl and seconded by Dehart to adjourn. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

****These minutes are not official and subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation meeting.**