

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY, May 16, 2022
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m

ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Tallier, Miller & Lukas.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig, Sam Blake, Heidi Blaszczyk, Cindy Gretzinger and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Campbell to approve the agenda, second by Lukas. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2022 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Dehart to approve the April 18, 2022 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON COUNTY PARK.

Travis updated that the water spickets and t's are up, the water is supposed to be turned on Wednesday. Electric still needs to be run to tent sites and a seasonal site. The road was cut to run the water lines and then not filled in immediately, with the recent rain the trench has filled with water and that has pushed the paving behind. Bill Anderson explained the timeline for the blacktopping and the coordination it takes with Pitlik and Wick, this is something that needs to be planned at least a week in advance. There were concerns that the contractor would not get the work done in time for the blacktopping to begin. Brian Wilson was called and asked when he would be done completely so the Hwy Department could plan accordingly. Wilson assured the committee the work would be done on Thursday. Further discussion on when to paint lines, possibly the fall would be better and the graveling of the road shoulder and topsoil and seeding will be done as soon as the blacktop is laid. A 12x18 ft flag would be donated by the Laona Ladies Auxiliary if the pole was purchased for the park, Jaime Flannery was contacted and he would have to look into it. Travis did put in a request to Brush Run for new playground equipment.

A. POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARK OPENING DATE.

The committee decided to delay the opening of the park to June 24th, 2022 a refund will be made to those who already reserved online and prorate for the seasonal campers.

Motion by Karl to postpone the opening of Veterans Memorial Park until June 24th, 2022, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TIMBER SALE BID PACKET.

The date for the Forestry Meeting to award the bids will have to be changed due to conflict with other meetings to June 15th, 2022. Motion by Dehart to approve the 2022 Timber Sale bid packets, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON EMERALD ASH BORE

Emerald Ash Bore is now present in the county, they will be cutting more ash in timber sales.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECUMBENT BIKE PURCHASE AND STORAGE BUILDING THROUGH DOT TRUST FUND WITH AGING DEPARTMENT.

Heidi Blaszczyk gave an update on the funding; DOT Trust will pay for the building materials to store the recumbent bikes but will not pay for the installation. The committee would like to see a quote on a 30x45 stick build with 2 rows of block, 5 in concrete pad and smart siding. This will have to be brought to the finance committee to consider funding for the installation labor.

UPDATES ON ONGOING PROJECTS.

- a. COUNTY PARK HWY SIGNS – The Forest County Economic Development did approve the grant we are just waiting for the official award letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lukas has been talking with land owner and ATV club about the trail expansion on the 8-mile loop. Tallier inquired about the Carbon Credit, it was not something that the department is interested in at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be June 15, 2022 at 4:30pm

ADJOURNMENT 6:00PM

Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

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