

PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Barlow called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. in the Kewaunee County Highway Conference Room. Committee Members present include: Dennis Cravillion, Larry Kirchman, Bruce Heidmann and Bob Garfinkel. Also present was Director Matt Payette and Nancy Lacrosse from Kewaunee 4H and the Fair Association.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Bob moved to approve the meeting agenda and minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. Second by Larry. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Nancy Lacrosse addressed the committee on 4H and Fair Association happenings at the Fairgrounds.

Committee Liaison Reports: Bob provided a handout from the Tri-Lakes Association identifying ongoing initiatives the group has and also outlining their new scholarship program for young conservation minded adults.

Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for 2014/2015 Snowmobile and ATV Grants: Matt presented the resolution authorizing our annual grant applications for trail maintenance of the County's ATV and Snowmobile trails. Bruce moved to approve the resolution as presented. Second by Bob. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Red River Beach Grading and Landscaping Plan: Matt provided the updated Grading and Landscaping Plan for beach improvements at Red River Park that was prepared by staff from U.W. Oshkosh and Miller Engineers. The updated plan included a small change including extending the improvement area to the north where the dilapidated cement boat ramp sits. By consensus the Committee recommended to include the change and finalize the plan. This concept plan was paid for through a grant obtained by the Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission.

Discuss and Approve Purchase of Small Equipment and Supplies: None.

Travel Requests: None.

Director's Report: See attached report.

Discussion and Approval of Bills: Bruce moved to approve the bills as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date: By consensus, the next meeting will be at 5:00 PM on Tuesday April 8, 2014 in the Highway Conference Room.

Any Other Business as Allowed by Law: None

Adjournment: Larry moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 P.M. Bruce seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted
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Directors Report (February 12 – March 4)

Winter Park

The Winter Park Season is beginning to wind down. We've had a very good year to date and have had a strong end to the season. As of March 4th we've had 791 skiers and over 7500 tubers enjoy the Winter Park Facility. Both are record highs. We anticipate being open until the 4th weekend in March so we will continue to add to those.

Snowmobile

It has been an exceptional year for snowmobiling in Kewaunee County. All snowmobile trails in the County are currently open and have been open for a total of 67 days so far this season. We will certainly add to that total moving forward making it the longest season in years. We have a supply of the new County Snowmobile Maps in our office. Please contact us for a copy of the new map.

Red River Park

The committee approved the final Grading and Landscaping plan prepared by BLRPC, UW Oshkosh, and Miller and Associates for Red River Park. The plan incorporates natural plantings and vegetative filter strips to remove treat run-off which will improve water quality. With the plan approved, we have a "shovel ready" project available when, and if, grant funding and cost share opportunities arise. The cost of the plan was covered 100% by a grant received by the BLRPC for beach improvements in the region.

Ryan Park

We continue to groom the cross country ski trails at the park for people to enjoy. The groomed trails complete a 2 mile loop that starts and ends at the new four season shelter on the property. In addition, our local mountain bike club has groomed the snowshoeing trail that also doubles as a "fat tire" winter mountain bike trail.

Fairgrounds

We have three events scheduled in the Exhibit Hall in the near future. Simonar's Service will hold a tire show on March 12th that will be open to the public. Vendor's will be on hand to review products and refreshments provided. In addition, The Kewaunee and Dyckesville Lions Clubs will hold the 2014 Roar on the Shore Brewfest at the Fairgrounds on March 29th. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Finally, we just Signed "Lights out Fight – Kewaunee County" which is a kick boxing event in June.

General Parks

We invited all of our 2013 summer park employees to return for the upcoming season. All have committed to return so we will not have any park positions available for this summer.