

PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Barlow called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Bruce moved to approve the meeting agenda and minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting. Second by Bob. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Committee Liaison Reports: Bob state that the Tri-Lakes Association received a grant to continue monitoring the nutrient levels in East Alaska Lake.

Discuss and Approve New Pit Concession Shed: The race promoter would like permission to build a 12' x 16' pit concession shed at his cost. Bruce moved to approve the pit concession shed subject to a written agreement drafted by Corp. Counsel between Kewaunee County and the race promoter which contains a clause that the shed must be completed within one year from the date of the agreement. Second by Bob. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Requests: None.

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

Director's Report: See attached report.

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

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date: The next meeting will be set by the new committee after reorganization of the County Board.

Any Other Business as Allowed by Law: Bruce thanked Jim Barlow for his years of service on the committee and noted the progress and many projects that have happened in the park system during his tenure as chair of the committee. Larry concurred with Bruce and wished Jim luck and hopes to see his return in the future. Bob also thanked Jim for his service.

Jim thanked all committee members and department staff for their hard work throughout the years and encouraged members of the committee to keep moving forward as we all know and believe in the value of our park system in Kewaunee County.

Adjournment: Larry moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M. Bruce seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted
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Directors Report (March 4 – April 8)

Winter Park

The Winter Park Season concluded on Sunday, March 16th. We've had an exceptional year with a recorded attendance of 10,958. This is over 3,500 more than we've had in our best year to date.

Snowmobile

It was also an exceptional year for snowmobiling in Kewaunee County. Kewaunee County trails were open 77 days this season. We will certainly apply for supplemental for the 2013/2014 season and anticipate a significant prorate due to the outstanding statewide snowmobile conditions for the year.

Red River Park

We received 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 treat run-off which will improve water quality. We can now explore any grant funding opportunities that may be available.

We will coordinate the installation of new playground equipment this spring with the Dyckesville Lions Club. The project includes the installation of a new play structure that will replace the old equipment at the park.

Ryan Park

We are nearly done with the grant project at Ryan Park. A few small items such as signage remain. The Kewaunee County Youth Soccer Association plans to host their entire season at Ryan Park this year.

Fairgrounds

We are preparing for racing season and summer events. Jerry and I are looking at a few different projects including renovating the midway bathroom and possibly asphaltting part of the area between the grandstand and dairy barn.

The Kewaunee and Dyckesville Lions Clubs hosted the 2014 Roar on the Shore Brewfest at the Fairgrounds on March 29th. The event was very well attended. We also continue to work with "Lights out Fight – Kewaunee County" which is a kick boxing event scheduled for June 14th.

General Parks

It appears that spring has finally arrived. With that, we have begun preparing our park areas and for the upcoming season. That includes cleaning restrooms and lawns, putting docks in, putting out picnic tables and trash receptacles, and any other facility repairs that are required in order to provide a safe environment for our users.