

## PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Call to Order: Chairman Bruce Heidmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Kewaunee County Highway Conference Room. Committee Members present include: Dennis Cravillion, Scott Jahnke, Larry Kirchman, and Ken Tebon. Also present was Ron Heuer, Matt Payette, Barry Nelson, Sarah Dunn, Darlene Boeder and three others to represent the 4-H.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Larry moved to approve the meeting agenda and second by Dennis.

Public Input: None

Committee Liaison Reports: None

Appointment and Approval of Vice Chair and Secretary: Dennis was appointed Vice-Chair and Scott Jahnke was appointed Secretary. All were in favor.

Discuss Chair Lift at Winter Park: Barry Nelson gave insight on adding a 1200 foot long chair lift to the Winter Park. Skiing has increased by five times over the last year. The process would take about five years with a proposed cost of \$20,000-\$40,000. Winter Park Association and County split revenue totaled \$57,249 last year. Larry motioned to authorize Winter Park to go forward with plans for a chair lift and second by Ken. Motion carried

Discuss Open Air Shelter Near Poultry Barn: Matt brought plans for an open air shelter to show animals and be a possible addition for people to rent for parties. Darlene explained there is no room in the present housing barn for showing animals. Scott motioned to have Matt start the planning process for the shelter and second by Ken. Motion carried.

Discuss "Music in the Park" at Fairgrounds: The Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce asked if the rent of the Midway Building could be lowered to \$100. The Committee agreed that the rates should remain the same.

Discuss KCZS Projects at Bruemmer Park: Sarah Dunn brought up putting up a Fund Raising Board at the Zoo entrance. It would be put there to track fund raising efforts. \$65,000 has been raised for various remodeling projects so far. Larry motioned for the Kewaunee County Zoological Society to start efforts to install the sign under Matt's guidance and Dennis second. Motion carried.

Kewaunee County Promotions and Recreation Dept. Overview: Matt explained the various parks and lakes taken care of by Kewaunee County and the staff needed to accomplish the task. The Committee will have a tour of the properties at a later date.

Travel Request: None

Director's Report: Matt talked about the various projects completed and future plans. There was a slide presentation about the Bruemmerville Park dam removal and restoration.

Discussion and Approval of Bills: Larry motioned to approve the bills and Scott second. Motion carried.

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date: Bruemmer Park Shelter at 8 a.m. June 11, 2014

Unfinished Business or Other Business as Allowed by Law: The Emergency Management Committee suggested that the Fairgrounds needs a public address system in case of emergency. Matt will get quotes on a system.

Ken brought up that the railing at the grandstand needs replacement or repair.

Adjournment: Ken motioned to adjourn at 7 p.m. and Larry second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Jahnke



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### Directors Report (April 8 – May 13)

#### **Winter Park**

We've had an exceptional year with a recorded attendance of 10,958. Those numbers include 9998 tubers and 977 skiers and 37 private groups including businesses, schools, churches, and other civic organizations. It was by far our best year to date.

The Winter Park Association has begun constructing the addition to the chalet that was approved by the County last year. This project is being 100% funded by the Winter Park Association. We are also working with the Department of Natural Resources who would like to repair one of the ponds at Winter Park and install a water intake device used to fill the pond. Once complete, this will greatly improve our ability to make snow at Winter Park and will be funded through a grant awarded to the WDNR.

#### **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 prorated due to the outstanding statewide snowmobile conditions for the year.

We continue to work with the Denmark Norsemen Snowmobile Club to install two bridges in the southern end of the County. Those bridges are funded by a grant from the State. In addition, we applied for another grant for a new bridge north of Casco for the Algoma Snowriders Club. These three bridges are part of the counties 176 mile state funded snowmobile trail system.

#### **Red River Park**

The new playground installation is complete. The project included removing all the old playground equipment, which didn't meet current playground safety standards, and replacing it with a new ADA compliant system with multiple play components. We also built a timber boarder and added 12 inches of wood fiber (chips) below the system. This is a collaborative project between the Dyckesville Lions Club and Kewaunee County with each paying half the total cost which is \$38,000 and also providing labor to install the system under the direction of the company.

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.

### **Ryan Park**

We continue to put the finishing touches to Ryan Park. The final grant funded segments of the project include signage and minor landscaping. The Kewaunee County Youth Soccer Association is preparing for their first season at the park. Games begin the first week of June and their County Tournament is August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Riverview ATV Park**

The Riverview ATV Park officially opened May 3<sup>rd</sup>. In order to use the facility ATV/UTV riders must register their machines through the State of Wisconsin. In addition, off road motorcycle riders are allowed to use the park with the purchase of a \$25 county registration. Those registrations may be purchased at our office or a few local establishments in Kewaunee and Luxemburg. Riders are also asked for a daily donation of \$4 which goes to the Bay Lake ATV Club and is used to offset the cost of maintaining trails.

### **Fairgrounds**

After a rainout on the first scheduled race night of the season, Luxemburg Speedway's race program officially began the following Friday, May 9th. All winter storage items have been removed by our lessors and we continue to work on numerous items in preparation of the summer season throughout the grounds.

### **Tourism**

We continue to work with I.T.B.E.C and the Lakeshore Tourism Cluster. Both organizations work on efforts to promote tourism on a regional scale.

### **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.

Most of our Summer Employees begin work on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Their main task under the supervision of the Park Caretaker is to maintain lawn and keep our facilities clean and safe for users. We also have other small maintenance and improvement projects that we will complete throughout the summer.

We have received all of our discounted tickets (3%-50%) for popular summer time attractions. Tickets available include Great America, Noah's Ark, Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park, Milwaukee Zoo, and more. Please call Jenny in the Promotions and Recreation office for more details or visit the departmental website.