

## PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting

July 8th, 2014

Call to Order: Chairman Bruce Heidmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Highway Dept. Conference Room. Committee Members present include: Dennis Cravillion, Scott Jahnke, Larry Kirchman, and Ken Tebon. Also present were Matt Payette, and Sarah Nunn.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Larry motioned to approve, second by Ken. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Committee Liaison Reports: None

Discuss and Approve Quote for P.A. System at Fairgrounds: The quote for \$18,122 for an eighteen speaker public address system for the Fairgrounds was discussed. It was not budgeted for 2014. Larry motioned to have the Finance Committee put it on their agenda, Scott second. Motion carried.

Discuss and Approve Fair Office Façade Placement at Fairgrounds: The old Fair Office façade was saved from demolition for historical purpose. Different ideas of where to place it in the Fairgrounds were discussed and are to be forwarded to the Fair Board.

Discuss and Approve Upgrade of Goat and Sheep Pen at Bruemmer Park: Sarah Nunn brought a map of the proposed new fencing for the sheep and goats at the Park. The estimate of \$23,797 was discussed. The improvement would be paid by the Kewaunee County Zoological Society funds and be completed by Labor Day. Ken motioned to go ahead with the plan, Scott second. Motion carried.

Discuss and Approve Bleacher Donation for Fairgrounds from County 4H: Darlene Boeder raised funds on behalf of the Kewaunee County 4H to purchase bleachers from the Luxemburg FFA. The bleachers would remain in the Fairgrounds. Larry motioned to approve the donation, second by Dennis. Motion carried.

Discuss Ryan Park Open House: Ryan Park will be dedicated on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Ed Dorner, Keith Pollek, and Bruce Heidmann.

Travel Request: None

Director's Report: Matt reported on the Winter Park water line to be installed by the DNR, various snowmobile trail projects, Fair preparations, and that the contract with the current race promoter is in the last year.

Discussion and Approval of Bills: Ken motioned to approve payment of the bills, Dennis second. Motion carried

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date: Tuesday August 12, 2014 at 5p.m. in the Kewaunee County Highway Dept. Conference Room

Unfinished Business or Other Business as Allowed by Law: The condition of the Red River Park road was discussed. The Fair Kickoff Dinner on July 15<sup>th</sup> was also discussed.

Adjournment: Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. and Scott second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Jahnke, Secretary



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### Directors Report (June 11 – July 8)

#### **Bruemmer Park**

At their July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Promotions and Recreation committee approved the renovation of the goat pen at Bruemmer Park. This includes replacing fencing that is over 50 years old at a cost of \$23,797. The pen will also be expanded to the top of the rock outcropping above the pen to give the goat and sheep more area to roam and also keep people from going above the pens, an area that people have disturbed animals by throwing items on top of the cages in the past. This project will be covered 100% by the Zoological Society of Kewaunee County.

#### **Winter Park**

The Winter Park Association continues construction on the addition to the chalet that was approved by the County last year. This project is being 100% funded by the Winter Park Association. This project should be completed in mid to late August.

We received word from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that the grant funding for the pond renovation and water intake project at Winter Park will be approved. The WDNR 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. Before work begins they will provide a Memorandum of Understanding for the Committee and Corporation Counsels Review.

#### **Snowmobile**

Our snowmobile supplemental request for the 2013 / 2014 season is due August 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be our biggest claim ever. Snowmobile supplemental is available throughout Wisconsin when there is a longer than average snowmobile season and is intended to offset the increased grooming expenses incurred by local snowmobile clubs. We anticipate our request to be approximately \$30,000.

We also 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 and are part of the county's 176 mile state funded snowmobile trail system.

### **Ryan Park**

Development of Ryan Park (phase 1) is now complete. Our grant ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> and all of the items we had planned within the scope of the grant have been completed.

We officially opened Ryan Park on July 9<sup>th</sup> with a Ribbon Cutting / Open House. The event was well attended and included the following speakers; Bruce Heidmann, Promotions and Recreation Committee Chair; Erin Dahle, President of the Kewaunee County Youth Soccer Association; Chris Daming, NEW KRANKS (local mountain bike club); Keith Pollek, Cousin of the late Edna Besserdich; and Ed Dörner, Kewaunee County Administrator. They did a wonderful job of outlining the history of the property / project and recognizing those involved in making the project a success.

### **Riverview ATV Park**

We met Andy Wallander and Paul Fredrich at the ATV park to inspect an area that has seen increased erosion over the years. This is causing a problem for an adjoining landowner to the east. The Land and Water Conservation Department is providing cost sharing to repair the waterway but most of the sediment is coming from the ATV park. I spoke with WDNR and we will hopefully work with Land and Water to secure a grant to fix the problem. The Riverview ATV Park will be closed on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare for, and hold a hare scramble race.

### **Fairgrounds**

The Kewaunee County Fair is July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>. We have been busy preparing the grounds and scheduling staff and other resources for the fair. Information regarding the Fair and a schedule of events can be found at <http://kewauneectyfair.com>

Luxemburg Speedway's race program has seen many rainouts this year, adversely affecting this year's attendance and revenues. Hopefully better weather is ahead of us and we can finish the second half of the season strong.

### **General Parks**

We are just beginning to catch up with our general maintenance items after a long cool spring. Our park crew will continue to work hard and we should be able to start completing other tasks outlined on our summer work program.