

PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting

August 12th, 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 Ron Heuer.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Dennis motioned to approve, second by Larry. Motion carried.

Public Input:

None

Committee Liaison Reports:

Bruce brought up that Bill Iwen said there were no "swim at your own risk" signs at Krohns Lake and W. Alaska Lake. Bruce checked it out and said that they were in place.

Discuss and Approve Updating Midway Restroom at Fairgrounds:

Matt handed out a list of costs for fixtures and partition replacements. Replacing toilets and faucets would save in water and sewer costs. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

Discuss and Approve Sept 26th Race at Fairgrounds:

The Luxemburg Speedway Promoter would like to have Sprint Cars race on the 26th of September. Dennis motioned to approve, Ken second. Motion carried.

Discuss and Approve Camping at Ryan Park for Mountain Bike Race:

NEWKRANKS, an off road bicycle group, is requesting permission from the County to provide rough camping for participants at Ryan Park on labor day weekend. Larry motioned to allow camping for the event, Scott second. Motion carried.

Discuss Race Contract at Fairgrounds:

Committee agreed that Matt should offer an extension to the current race promoter for another year.

Travel Request:

None

Director's Report:

Matt reported that the plumbing in the bathroom at the Bruemmer Park was installed in the 1940's and needs to be replaced. He will look at grants for a long term solution for that facility. Matt also reported on various events and projects planned. (See Director's Report)

Discussion and Approval of Bills:

Ken motioned to approve payment of the bills, Dennis second. Motion carried

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date:

Tuesday September 9th, 2014 at 5p.m. in the Kewaunee County Highway Dept. Conference Room

Unfinished Business or Other Business as Allowed by Law:

None

Adjournment:

Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. and Dennis second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Jahnke, Secretary



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Directors Report (July 8 – August 11)

Bruemmer Park

The plumbing drains and sinks in the mens restroom have decayed to the point that they need to be replaced. In removing the sinks, staff discovered a stamp dated July 11, 1946. They certainly outlived their product life. In addition other problems were identified with the water system that will have to be addressed in the future.

The annual ZOOblee is scheduled for August 30th at Bruemmer Park. Activities will include a car and tractor show, arts and crafts, children activities, raffles, food and live music.

Bruemmerville

In accordance with our agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, the stop logs have been taken out of the lamprey barrier. This allows free movement of fish and other aquatic life in Silver Creek when sea lampreys are finished spawning.

Winter Park

The Winter Park Association continues construction of the addition to the chalet. The addition is weather proof and insulated at this point. This project is being 100% funded by the Winter Park Association.

Drainage USA has replaced a few tile lines that were plugged and/or collapsed. They are also reshaping the grass waterway between the chalet and ski hill to ensure proper water flow in the winter months.

Snowmobile

We submitted our snowmobile supplemental request for the 2013 / 2014 season by the August 1st deadline. 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. Our request for the 2013 / 2014 season is \$69,541.12 which is by far Kewaunee County's largest request to date.

We are also working with the WDNR and Kewaunee Moonriders to reroute approximately 4 miles of snowmobile trail near Scarboro and the Denmark Norsemen Snowmobile Club to install two bridges in the southern end of the County that are funded by a grant from the State of Wisconsin.

Ryan Park

Development of Ryan Park (phase 1) is now complete. Our grant ended on June 30th and all of the items we had planned within the scope of the grant have been completed. Now that the grant project is complete we will finalize the close out paper work for reimbursement.

Fairgrounds

Luxemburg Speedway's race program has had troubles maintaining attendance throughout the season due to weather and other economic factors. We hope for a strong finish to the end of the season.

We are in the final year of our lease agreement with the current race track promoter. We've held Informal talks with him on his intent / desire to continue promoting the track. Options at this point include extending the agreement for a year or to open it up for Request for Proposals from other interested parties.

According to the Fair Association the 2014 Fair was well attended. The weather was very good for the event with perfect temperatures and little to no rain. We had very little issues with the facility and staff did a very nice job in assisting with the event.

General Parks

We would like to begin the process of updating our park ordinance(s). Different ordinances relating to the park system date from 1974 to 2001 with some duplication and conflicting sections. Hopefully we can work with Corporation Counsel to complete this project.