

PROMOTIONS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting

April 14th, 2015

Call to Order:

Chairman Bruce Heidman 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: Matt Payette and Dave Myers

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Larry motioned to approve. Dennis second. Motion carried.

Public Input:

None

Committee Liaison Reports:

Race track at the Fairgrounds is getting ready for racing with a few minor changes in operations.

Discuss and Approve Winter Storage Contracts for Fairgrounds:

The lease of the Fairgrounds will be with the same format and same lessees. Revenue goes to the County general fund as does the track rent. Ken motioned to approve the winter storage contracts. Scott second. Motion carried.

Discuss Exhibit Hall Name at Fairgrounds:

Matt talked about the possibility of adding a name to the exhibit hall at the fairgrounds in Luxemburg. Ideas include: naming rights for a county business to produce revenue, recognition of past County Administrator, or any other ideas that other committees might think of in their meetings.

Discuss Left Over Timbers and Barn Boards from Ryan Park:

Committee discussed what to do with the left over timbers and boards from the farm. General consensus was to put them up for sale before they become unusable.

Discuss County Promotional and Directional signs:

Committee discussed the bid from Orde Sign and Graphics to reface the Kewaunee County Welcome sign on Highway 54. Committee agreed we should also get a quote from JAG Sign and try to have it match our park signs. Matt will check into this.

Discuss Pesticide Use and Policy in County Parks:

Bruce had a resident bring up the question of what does the Parks Department use for pesticides and herbicides in the parks? It was discussed that County should have an Application Management Plan with guidelines pertaining to the application and use of herbicides and pesticides.

Travel Request:

None

Director's Report:

Matt introduced Dave Myers from the Parks Department. With Matt leaving on Monday, Dave will be the go-to man in his absence. Matt plans on helping out at Winter Park next season. A porta potty will be installed at Reckelberg Park. It will be donated and maintained by Jim's Johns. The bathrooms are almost ready at the Fairgrounds. Bathrooms at the lakes are in place and ready. There was discussion about adding a bathroom at Bruemmerville Park. Summer park staff will start working in mid-May. (See Director's Report) Bruce and Larry commented about Matt's fine work as Park Director during his time here. They praised his ability to get the grant funding for all the improvements at Kewaunee County parks and generally improve all of them.

Discussion and Approval of Bills:

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

Set Regular Monthly Meeting Date:

Tuesday May 12^{h, 2015} at 5p.m. in the Kewaunee County Highway Dept. Conference Room. Tentative June meeting will be scheduled for the 2nd.

Unfinished Business or Other Business as Allowed by Law:

Bruce said he received a phone call from the resident of the former Hillside tavern in Casco wondering if the county would consider having a dog park.

Adjournment:

Larry motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Dennis second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Jahnke, Secretary



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Director Report (March 10 – April 14)

Winter Park

We had our "close out" meeting with the Winter Park Association to discuss the past season and identify what went well and what we can approve upon. We also discussed projects that can be completed before next season in order to improve the operation.

Snowmobile

We have submitted all of our 2015/2016 Snowmobile and ATV grant applications. We should have our grant contracts to execute by late May.

Bruemmerville

We installed the stop logs into the lamprey barrier as required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The logs need to stay in place until the sea lamprey spawning activity ceases in June.

Reckelberg Park

The Friends of the Ahnapee State Trail have worked with Jim's Johns for the donation of a restroom at the park. Jim's Johns will donate the port-a-potty and will also service it into the future. Thank you to the "Friends" and Jim's Johns for this donation.

Fairgrounds

The Midway Restroom renovation is nearly complete. The women's restroom was completely gutted. It was then painted and the new toilets and restroom partitions installed. The new toilets are much more water efficient and also have higher flushing pressures. The two elements combined will greatly reduce costs associated with maintenance and water usage.

The Promotions and Recreation Committee approved extending our Winter Storage Contracts for seven years at the Fairgrounds. The extension continues our positive relationship with Simonar's and Bee Safe Security and includes a 1% annual increase for the first four years and a 2% increase for the final three.

The Race season begins with practice night on April 24th. The weekly program includes the addition of late models for the 2015 season. For more information on the race program please call our office or visit the Luxemburg Speedway website www.luxemburgspeedway.com

General Parks

Our summer park staff for the season is full and all will begin working in mid to late May. We are in full preparations for the state fishing opener on May 2nd and will have the rest of our park facilities ready for the season shortly thereafter. All the port-a-potty's have been placed at the lakes and all docks are in place

We have received discounted tickets (10%-40%) for popular summer time attractions. Tickets available include Great America, Noah's Ark, Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park, Milwaukee Zoo, House on the Rock, and many other Wisconsin Dells Attractions. Please call Jenny in the Promotions and Recreation office for more details or visit the departmental website.

Signing off

As Director of the Promotions and Recreation Department for the past 7 ½ years I would like to thank all of you who have supported the department during my tenure and beyond. This includes present and past members of the Promotions and Recreation Committee; the many departments that have assisted us on various projects throughout the years; all the local clubs and friends groups that have given time and resources to our wonderful and developing park and fairgrounds facilities; members of the County board; and Department Staff. I would also like to thank Jennifer Salentine, Dave Myers, Jerry Jonet, and all of our seasonal employees for their hard work and dedication. As collective members serving the community we have completed many meaningful projects from big to small. I wish everyone the best of luck in future endeavors!!