

Promotion & Recreation Committee Minutes

October 13, 2016

The Promotions and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Scott Jahnke. Members present included: Chairman Scott Jahnke, Supervisor Larry Kirchman, Supervisor Ron Paider and Supervisor Dennis Cravillion. Supervisor Doug Doell was excused. Also present were Promotions & Recreation Director Dave Myers and Tourism Coordinator/PIO Jennifer Schneider and guests, Pete Denil with the Dyckesville Lions Club, Mike Nelson with the Kewaunee County 4-H Poultry Project and Eric Mahlik with the Luxemburg Speedway.

Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes:

Supervisor Paider made a motion to adopt today's agenda and it was seconded by Supervisor Cravillion. All present were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Kirchman made a motion to approve the September 13, 2016 Promotions & Recreation Committee Minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Paider. All present were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:None

Discuss proposal by Dyckesville Lions to add swingsets and other playground equipment and Baseball Diamond updates to Red River Park (with possible action):

Guest Pete Denil of the Dyckesville Lions Club asked for permission for the association to add a variety of swings and two sandboxes to Red River Park. The costs for labor, land survey, wood chips and playground equipment would be covered by the Dyckesville Lions Club. The only help that the group is requesting from Kewaunee County is for excavating the top soil. Mr. Denil also sought approval for adding an additional baseball diamond infield to the park to increase practice space for teams. Again, the labor and sand would be provided by the Dyckesville Lions Club and the only request for Kewaunee County is to help with excavating the top soil. Finally, Mr. Denil touched on the proposal of a future project of potentially adding a small disc golf course to Red River Park. Mr. Denil is looking into a possible land donation to expand park property for the course.

Supervisor Kirchman made a motion to add playground swings and an additional baseball diamond infield.

This was seconded by Supervisor Paider. All present were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss adding of pavilion at Fairgrounds by Poultry Barn (with possible action):

Guest Mike Nelson with the Kewaunee County 4-H Poultry Project had talked about replacing temporary tents used at the Kewaunee County Fair to show poultry with a permanent pavilion next to the Poultry Barn. The group has the funding for the structure, but would welcome any additional donations and recognize sponsors on a plaque attached to the structure. The Kewaunee County 4-H Poultry Project would preferably like to pour a concrete slab this fall and other construction would take place in spring 2017. The approximate size is 25'x40'. The group is requesting help from Kewaunee County in covering the costs of the building permit.

A similar request for this project was brought to the committee in years past, but the funding wasn't available at the time. Promotion & Recreation Director Dave Myers will look for that request.

A decision on the project has been tabled by the Promotion & Recreation Committee until the next meeting on November 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Highway Department.

Discuss improvements of sound system at Fairgrounds Grandstand (with possible action):

Eric Mahlik with the Luxemburg Speedway shared plans to reduce the excess noise in the grandstand when racing at the track, making the experience more enjoyable for attendees. Mr. Mahlik told the committee that he has meet with an engineer who would be able to put up a curtain wall that would not impact viewing of the track, as well as sound dampeners and replace speakers to improve the PA system. The cost for the improvements would be covered by the Luxemburg Speedway.

Supervisor Cravillion made a motion to make improvements to the sound system at the race track.

This was seconded by Supervisor Paider. All present were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss adding an ice rink at Winter Park for the upcoming season:

Promotion & Recreation Director Dave Myers has proposed a plan that would allow for an ice rink to be a feature of Winter Park. The DNR pond closest to Ransom Moore Lane would be filled with water during the winter months and turned into an ice rink. The approximately 3' deep pond would be filled in layers, to help ensure it freezes solid. There is electricity on both sides of the pond for lighting.

Discuss "Welcome" sign design and new location on HWY 42 (with possible action):

Tourism Coordinator/Public Information Officer Jennifer Schneider presented the two color choices for the new "Welcome to Kewaunee County" signs requested by the Promotion & Recreation Committee at the September 13, 2016 meeting for the design chosen by the Promotion & Recreation Committee at the August 17, 2016 meeting and designed by Link Media Outdoor Wisconsin with the help of Joski Signs. The color choices presented were a white background with blue and black lettering and multi-colored waves or a blue background with white lettering and multi-colored waves. The color choice most agreed upon by the Promotion & Recreation Committee was the blue background with white lettering and multi-colored waves.

Supervisor Paider made a motion to proceed with the sign with the blue background and white lettering and multi-colored waves. *See Attachment for Sign Design*

This was seconded by Supervisor Cravillion. All present were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Request: None

Director's Report:

See Director's Report

Approve & Sign Vouchers:

Motion to approve and sign vouchers as presented made by Supervisor Kirchman. This was seconded by Supervisor Paider. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date:

November 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Highway Department

Any other business as allowed by law:

The Promotion & Recreation Committee also revisited the potential of adding a boat launch at Red River Park and once again concluded that it was in the best interest that a boat launch not be added due to safety and maintenance concerns. They referenced the "Points of Discussion" sheet included in the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes. *See Attachment for Points of Discussion"

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Supervisor Cravillion. This was seconded by Supervisor Paider. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Schneider, Kewaunee County Tourism Coordinator/PIO

Welcome To

Kewaunee COUNTY

“The Good Life on a Great Lake”

7' changeable banner



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Director's Report (September 13th – October 13th)

Winter Park

The bunny hill is coming along nicely – grass is planted and starting to look decent. Parking lots are done and we are working on a way to make ice skating happen this season.

Fairgrounds

We have the Aging Resource Fair tomorrow and our next event will be Taste of The County on the 19th. We are in the process of shutting water and power off to the outdoor buildings and winterizing everything.

Snowmobile Alliance

We have so far received 50% of the supplemental aid we applied for and are awaiting more.

Bruemmer Park

We are working on replacing a damaged electrical pole near the hunting and fishing club pheasant pens.

General Park

We have been working hard to keep up with grass cutting and general maintenance at a lot of locations. Swim rafts have been removed and we are close to shutting down restrooms for the winter at Bruemmer, ATV park and Red River(watching the temps).

Park Ordinances

We are looking at updating some of our ordinances – specifically for East Alaska Lake (no wake zone).

Red River Park Boat Launch Points of Discussion

- **Possible Benefits**
 1. Improved Launch access
 2. Possibility of increased revenue(fees would be the same as for using inland lake launches - \$5 daily-\$30 season pass)
 3. Increased park use for different types of recreation(boating, jet skis etc)

- **Safety Issues**
 1. Traffic Congestion –lack of space for boat trailer parking(baseball field draws large number of users-games Monday-Thursday with tournaments on weekends)
 2. Lots of children using park and no clearly marked parking areas or boundaries(this is especially a concern during baseball games/practices)

- **Costs**
 1. Sturdy pier/dock needed
 2. Cost of Zebra and Quagga mussel removal/dredging (2015 cost appx. \$3500)
 3. New launch ramp(s) needed
 4. Permits(DNR)
 5. Seasonal cost of removing docks
 6. Creating proper parking areas
 7. Delineating parking areas

- **Environmental Factors**
 1. Changing water levels
 2. Sediment deposits (dredging needed?)
 3. Mussels washing up on shore

- **Merit review for Red River Park Recommendations 2014 -Grant Project report from Miller Engineers & Scientists #10-18497 20-113**
 1. Removing old launches due to storm water runoff (pollution)
 2. Creating better public access to beach area (Boardwalk)
 3. Creating infiltration swales to reduce storm water runoff
 4. Planting native vegetation to reduce erosion