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Kewaunee County Board Votes to Install Magic Carpet at Winter Park

KEWAUNEE, WI – Visitors of Winter Park in Kewaunee County will notice something very new next season at the snow tubing hill. The Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department, as well as the Winter Park Association have received a green light from the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors to replace the tow rope that currently takes tubers up the six-lane tubing hill with a standing conveyor belt lift.

The resolution approving the transfer of budgeted funds from the general fund for the Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department to purchase the moving walkway received an 18-0 vote on Tuesday night with two county board supervisors absent.

Magic Carpet Lifts, based out of Denver, Colorado, has provided a quote of \$109,760 for the equipment. The entire cost of the lift will be paid back to Kewaunee County by the Winter Park Association over the course of the next five years. An agreement between the organization and Kewaunee County is currently in the process of being drafted.

In attendance at the board meeting for the vote was Barry Nelson, one of the co-founders of the Winter Park Association and he was extremely pleased with the support from locally elected officials on this upgrade for park visitors, "This will be a great improvement for Winter Park and will greatly help reduce time spent waiting in line to get up the tube hill," said Nelson.

Approximately 7,200 visitors made a stop at Winter Park this past season, during the six weeks that it was open to public. And, of those visitors just under 6,700 had purchased passes for the snow tubing hill.

The tow rope that was originally at the tube hill will be repurposed for use at the beginner ski hill, another recent addition to the park. The hooks that were used to pull tubes up the hill will be removed and the tow line will be retrofitted with handles.

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“This is just the beginning of what is to come at Winter Park,” said Dave Myers, Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Director. “We have big plans to offer many more amenities at this park and continue attracting visitors,” said Myers.

Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department staff, as well as volunteers from the Winter Park Association will start construction this spring, with equipment installation scheduled to begin in summer.

To check out an example of what’s to come at Winter Park, visit Magic Carpet Lifts:
<http://rmce.com/index.htm>

And, for more to see and do in the area, check out Visit Kewaunee County:
<http://www.visitkewaunee.com/>

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