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PEPIN COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2010

Members Present

Dan Weiss, Brent King, Jim Kraft, Adolph Pichler and Kurt Manore

Others Present

Chase Cummings, Dennis Reimers, Ron Schlosser and Terry Mesch

Dan Weiss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Approval of April 5, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Jim Kraft and seconded by Brent King to approve the April 5, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reorganization of Committee

Chairman, Dan Weiss, called for nominations for Chairman of the LCC. A motion was made by Jim Kraft to nominate Dan Weiss as Chairman of the LCC. The motion was seconded by Adolph Pichler and carried by voice vote. Re-elected Chairman, Dan Weiss, called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the LCC. A motion was made Brent King to nominate Jim Kraft as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Adolph Pichler. Jim Kraft made a motion to nominate Brent King, which was seconded by Adolph Pichler. Roll call was taken: Adolph Pichler for Jim Kraft, Brent King for Jim Kraft, Kurt Manore for Jim Kraft and Jim Kraft for Brent King. Motion carried for Jim Kraft as Vice-Chairman of the LLC.

Nonmetallic Mining Violation Penalty Discussion

Ron Schlosser joined the meeting to voice his concerns over the penalty fee of \$1, 100.00 he received for not having a permit application completed and on file by designated dates given to him. Chase reviewed with the committee the history of the violation in question and of the Pepin County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Chapter 24. Chase explained that the only requirement he is waiting on is the approval from the Town of Durand along with the penalty fee payment. Jim stated that he would like to see a letter from the Town of Durand stating their documentation on the nonmetallic mining reclamation plan. If the Town of Durand does not provide the proper documentation needed to continue work at the site, the area will need to be reclaimed within a specified timeline. The committee stood by their previous decision that was made at the April 5, 2010 meeting to request the penalty of \$1,100.00 for the violation of Chapter 24 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance.

NRCS

Dennis discussed updates and happenings with NRCS. Spring construction is nearly ready to go. He will be doing HEL spot-checks on selected tracts of farmland.

Chippewa River Bike Trail Mowing

Terry Mesch spoke to the committee about mowing of the bike trail. Mike Hurlburt has offered to mow this area, which could be approximately three times throughout the season. Mike's only request was to be reimbursed for the gas needed to mow the area. Terry mentioned he was going to speak with the Friends of the Pepin County Trail to see if they would be interested in reimbursing the first gas fill and then approaching the Highway Department to see if they would donate the remainder of the gas used by Mike. Brent King suggested that Terry have this put on the next Highway Department's meeting agenda to be further discussed.

Arkansaw Creek Park Update

Chase commented that the repairs to the park are coming along. He told the committee that a 15-foot buffer along the stream bank is required by DNR. Discussion was held on replacement of the walking bridge. One bridge has been planned and the permit applied for. It was felt that we should see how this first bridge goes and then proceed on with plans for a second bridge. Jim Kraft asked about the old bridge. Dan Weiss suggested that if the bridge is sold, Arkansaw Fur Fish and Game Club should receive the money. Jim Kraft mentioned he wants to see the old bridge removed from the fairground area before the fair in July so there will be no reason to worry about personal injury.

Chase received a request from Jamie Schofield to donate a bench for Arkansaw Creek Park in honor of Veteran's. The committee gave their permission. Jim suggested that this bench (and all benches) be anchored down.

Chase spoke of the parks needing new picnic tables, grills and bathroom doors. Jim suggested trying to get cement picnic tables donated in someone's memory.

Chase said he acquired four garbage cans from the Highway Department to use in the parks.

Kurt asked about the Ella Boat Landing outdoor toilet. He felt it should be torn down as people were using it to put garbage in. Chase said one of the new garbage cans would be placed at Ella.

Shooting Range Shelters

The Durand Sportsman's Club approached Chase about the possibility of adding shelters to the shooting tables. The committee said the club should come up with a cost for the shelters and submit it to the LCC. Jim Kraft suggested installing Blue-sky blockers. The committee felt like there have not been any recent issues with stray bullets; therefore, the blue-sky blockers are not necessarily needed at this time.

Any Other Business that may come before the committee

None

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers for April and May were presented for approval. A motion was made by Brent King and seconded by Jim Kraft to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

None

Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Monday, June 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the county boardroom.

Interviewing of Planner/Technician Candidates (Closed Session)

Jim Kraft made a motion to convene into closed session for interviewing candidates for the planner/technician position. This was seconded by Brent King.

Roll Call: Dan Weiss, yes, Adolph Pichler, yes, Kurt Manore, yes, Jim Kraft, yes, Brent King, yes. A motion was made by Brent King to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Jim Kraft.

Roll Call: Dan Weiss, yes, Adolph Pichler, yes, Kurt Manore, yes, Jim Kraft, yes, Brent King, yes.

Adjourn

Jim Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Adolph Pichler and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Poeschel, Conservation Program Specialist