

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Forestry Headquarters
Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair John Robinson.

ROLL CALL: Present – John Robinson, Terry White, Robert Mock, Mary Lou Bergman. Absent – Mark Liebaert. Others present – Gary Saari, Lance Wegner, Terry Asleson, Dan Corbin, Andy Lisak, Mark Schroeder, Judy Nicoski, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second White, to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Budget: Included with members' meeting packet. Nicoski reviewed the budget for the period ending August 31, 2016.

Forest Management Operations: Wegner reported 3 active sales with 10 hauling.

Parks and Recreation: Schroeder reported campgrounds in winter camping mode; seasonal staff reductions; and preparing for winter activities.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Douglas County Conditional Use Permit Applications for Non-Metallic Mines on County Forest Land (Town of Maple): Gary Saari, Chairman, Town of Maple, requesting creation of two gravel pits (Degerman Road and Blueberry Road) on Douglas County Forest Land in the Town of Maple. Approval from committee is first step in process. Pits require a conditional use permit for non-metallic mines from Zoning Department.

ACTION: Motion by White, second Mock, to approve request from Town of Maple to have two pits on County Forest Land. Motion carried.

Proposed WDNR Land Sales: WDNR reduced asking price on 19.8 acre parcel to \$10,000; 57.9 acre parcel price remains the same, at \$27,000. Forestry Director recommends rejection of current offer.

Property Acquisition: See above.

Release of Capital Reserve Funding (Land Acquisition): See above.

Application for County Forest Law Entry: See above.

ACTION: Motion by Mock, second Bergman, to reject current parcel purchase offers from the WDNR. Motion carried.

Exchange of Property:

Property Exchange: Maps identifying parcels in meeting packet; property owner (Deming) requesting exchange of 13 acre Parcel B – (Part of #WA-032-00878-00 and #WA-032-00882-00) to Douglas County Forestry Department for 1 acre Parcel A – (Part of Parcel #WA-032-00882-00).

Application for County Forest Law Withdrawal (Part of Parcel #WA-032-00882-00):

Application for County Forest Law Entry (Part of Parcel #WA-032-00878-00 and #WA-032-00882-00):

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Bergman, second Mock, to approve proposed land exchange with Deming, County Forest Law Entry Withdrawal of Part of Parcel #WA-032-00882-00, County Forest Law Land Entry Application of Part of Parcel #WA-032-00878-00, and #WA-032-00882-00, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Sawyer County Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Discovery: EAB press release regarding discovery in Sawyer County reviewed.

October 26, 2016 Timber Sale: Reminder – Timber Sale to be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 26, 2016.

Reports:

Wisconsin County Forest Association: Robinson going to Wausau for annual meeting next week.

WDNR County Forest Liaison: Asleson advised WDNR Douglas County LTE candidate accepted offer; starting soon.

Future Agenda Items: Update on bathroom/shower project at Lucius Woods.

Adjournment: Motion by White, second Mock, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk