

Resources and Recreation Committee Meeting
September 22, 2009 5:30 p.m.
Adams County Courthouse Conference Room A231

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Renner at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was properly announced.

Roll Call: Fran Dehmlow – Chairperson, absent. Committee Members present: Joe Stuchlak, Gary Hartley, Dave Renner, and Glenn Licitar. Others present: Fred Nickel - Director Parks/Recreation, John Albert – Corporation Counsel, and Al Sebastiani – County Board Chairperson.

Approve the Agenda: Motion by Stuchlak/Hartley to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

Public Participation on Agenda Items: None.

Special User Request(s): Motion by Hartley/Licitar to approve the Oxford Lions Club request to hold a fisherie and sell concessions at Crooked Lake February 10, 2010, per Adams County Park Ordinance #6-2008, Section 1.6. Motion carried.

Department Snowmobile Easement/Land Use Agreement Form: Motion by Hartley/Stuchlak to discuss the Snowmobile Easement/Land Use Agreement form. Motion carried.

Corporation Counsel reported updating the proposed Land Use Agreement Form to protect Adams County's liability and forwarded it to the County's insurance carrier for review. He also stated he would be willing to attend a meeting with Snowmobile Club members and Landowners to answer any questions regarding the new form.

Trails Coordinator reviewed the WI DNR requirements/guidelines in the management and administration of the State funded snowmobile trails program regarding acquiring landowner easements. The State does not require written easements. Verbal easements are satisfactory and may be acquired by snowmobile club members as in the past. However, the State does require written and signed easements with development projects and Adams County meets those requirements.

Coordinator had reviewed other County procedures in acquiring landowner easements. In most cases snowmobile club members obtain the easements, either verbal or written, and the procedure is simplified thereby accommodating the landowner. Many landowners do not live in Adams County or Wisconsin.

Coordinator expressed concern over the new proposed management and written easement procedures proposed by Corporation Counsel's office. Coordinator stated that some landowners will not sign a written Land Use Agreement with Adams County, thereby causing trail closures and future decreased State funding. Coordinator will be present at County Board to ask Adams County's insurance provider representative several questions regarding the Corporation Counsel's written easement proposal.

Motion by Stuchlak/Hartley to approve the Corporation Counsel's Land Use Agreement contingent upon Adams County's insurance provider. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Stuchlak/Licitar to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Glenn Licitar
Committee Secretary

Minutes prepared by Rita Kolstad, Parks Clerk/Bookkeeper.
These minutes have not been approved by the Resource and Recreation Committee

