

Pierce County Parks Committee
February 9, 2009 – 9:00 am
Pierce County Courthouse – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Troy Gansluckner, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Others Present: Larry Johnson – Pierce County ATV Association, Andy Pichotta, Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Public comment was called for and none was provided.

Minutes

The November 17, 2008 minutes were presented. Motion by K. Snow, seconded by T. Gansluckner, to approve the minutes. Motion carried with J. Holst abstaining.

ATV Grant Program

Larry Johnson, Vice-President of the Pierce County ATV Association, was present to request county sponsorship of the WI DNR ATV Grant Program. He provided a brief history of their organization and the trail system they have in place. Their request is for the county to sponsor/participate in the WI DNR ATV Trail Grant Program so they can obtain funding assistance to build a bridge in Spring Lake Township. The bridge is being requested in an effort to keep ATV's from riding on County Rd CC. Mr. Johnson commented on the number of ATV's in Pierce County and the economic impact they provide.

S. Schoepp explained the similarities between the ATV program and the Snowmobile program. He explained the various aspects of administering a grant program of this type. He also estimated the amount of time necessary to meet all the requirements of the program. He stated over the past several years, management and program responsibilities have increased for current park staff. The increase was due to additional responsibilities of operating and managing the Pierce County Shooting Range & Lee Kay Forest. In the near future, management of the Martell County Forest, Trimbelle Recreation Area and possibly Trenton Island will also be responsibilities of the Park's Department.

S. Schoepp stated since it has yet to be determined whether existing staff can effectively carry out the responsibilities set forth at this time, it was requested to forgo any additional program responsibilities. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by D. Reis to defer participation in the ATV Trail Grant Program due to current staffing levels and management responsibilities. Motion Carried.

Deer Hunting Survey

S. Schoepp presented a deer hunting survey questionnaire for obtaining input regarding a possible deer hunting season in Nugget Lake County Park. The committee provided input for the cover letter and survey questionnaire. Discussion took place pertaining to the various options that could be initiated. Staff was to prepare a final questionnaire and send it to all neighbors located within $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a mile of Nugget Lake County Park. The survey results will provide an additional source of information to be considered when exploring possible deer hunting options.

Trimbelle Recreation Area

S. Schoepp provided a site amenities completion proposal for the Trimbelle Recreation Area. Committee input was requested for signing, tables and parking barriers. The committee selected a wooden property identification sign, aluminum tables and rubber parking barriers. Use and activity will be monitored to determine if any additional amenities or barriers are needed in the future.

Mower Bid Specifications

S. Schoepp provided the bid specifications for purchasing a new mower as approved in the 2009 budget. The bids will be reviewed at the next Parks Committee meeting. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by T. Gansluckner to approve the bid specification documents for a new mower. Motion Carried.

Septic Service Bid Specifications

S. Schoepp provided the bid specifications for obtaining septic service for the 2009-2010 seasons. The bids will be reviewed at the next Parks Committee meeting. Motion by T. Gansluckner seconded by J. Holst to approve the bid specifications for obtaining 2009-2010 septic service. Motion Carried.

Park Superintendent Reports

The final 2008 income and expenditure reports were provided and discussed. The 2008 Parks Department Annual Report was also distributed and discussed. Motion by J. Holst, second by D. Reis to approve the 2008 Parks Department Annual Report. Motion Carried. No questions were raised on the monthly activity report.

Closed Session

Chairman M. Pittman read the closed session language verbatim. Motion by D. Reis, seconded by T. Gansluckner to convene in closed session to conduct a performance evaluation for the County Park Superintendent. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by K. Snow to move out of closed session. Roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by J. Holst, seconded by T. Gansluckner to grant a step increase to the County Park Superintendent as a result of a favorable performance evaluation. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Date

The next parks committee meeting will be on April 13, 2009 at 9:00 am in the County Board Room at the Pierce County Courthouse.

Motion by D. Reis, second by T. Gansluckner to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent

Pierce County Parks Committee
April 13, 2009 – 9:00 am
Pierce County Courthouse – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Troy Gansluckner, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Others Present: Andy Pichotta, Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Public comment was called for and none was provided.

Minutes

The February 09, 2009 minutes were presented. Motion by T. Gansluckner, seconded by D. Reis, to approve the February 09, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Deer Hunting Survey

S. Schoepp provided comments regarding the results of the deer hunting survey questionnaire. It appeared that the majority of the landowners adjacent to the park were opposed to hunting while those with property further away were in favor of hunting. The total number of those in favor of deer hunting was 32; while those opposed was 21. Discussion took place regarding all of the various options that could be implemented. Committee comments included: 1) Attempt to provide a quality hunting experience. 2) Minimize the staff time required to manage any hunting. 3) Keep the process simple and clear. 4) Allow hunting for a 3 year period and then re-evaluate to correct any problems. 5) Utilize current DNR regulations pertaining to harvest. 6) Utilize current DNR guidelines regarding the use of tree stands and blinds. The possibility of using muzzle loaders only was also discussed. Motion by K. Snow, seconded by T. Gansluckner to have staff prepare a deer hunting proposal that includes various options regarding boundaries, time periods, and harvest means. Motion carried.

Mower Bids

S. Schoepp presented the results obtained from a bid opening for purchasing a new commercial mower. Two bids were received. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by D. Reis to approve the Value Implement (Baldwin) bid of \$6,357 and authorize the County Park Superintendent to sign a purchase agreement for a commercial mower. Motion carried.

Septic Service Bids

S. Schoepp presented the results obtained from a bid opening for obtaining septic service for 2009 – 2010. Two bids were received. Motion by D. Reis, seconded by T. Gansluckner to accept the Marko Septic Service bid of \$.03 / gallon and authorize the County Park Superintendent to execute the necessary contracts with Marko Septic Service. Motion carried.

Carry Over Request

S. Schoepp presented a carry over request for NWTF funds obtained in 2008. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by D. Reis to carry over \$2,083 of the National Wild Turkey Federation Grant Funding for planting wildlife shrubs on the sediment disposal piles created from the dredge project. Motion carried.

Fishing Pier

S. Schoepp provided background information related to the installation of a fishing pier on the upper end of Nugget Lake. Motion by T. Gansluckner, seconded by K. Snow to approve the bid specifications as presented and authorize the County Park Superintendent to obtain bids according to current county and state bidding procedures. Motion carried.

Martell Forest Improvement Plan

S. Schoepp provided information regarding the improvement schedule for the Martell Forest. Questions were raised regarding the silo. Schoepp was to obtain more details regarding the silos and other assorted junk on the property and report back to the committee.

Park Superintendent Reports

S. Schoepp provided the monthly income reports and monthly financial reports. Questions were answered regarding those reports. A. Pichotta reported on a request that was forwarded to him that involves the relationship between Pierce County and the Pierce County Snowmobile Council. The PCSC is requesting additional support from the county to help them provide snowmobile trails in Pierce County. The request is for the county to provide more staff time to obtain additional grants. It was noted that the county is eligible to receive reimbursement for the staff time to administer grants related to the snowmobile trail program. A similar reimbursement may also be available for grants obtained for the ATV trail program. The Pierce County ATV Trail Association requested county sponsorship several months ago. Pichotta suggested that transferring the grant writing responsibility for the snowmobile and, possibly, the ATV program to a county grant writer may be an option. The maintenance agreement between the county and council is up for renewal at the end of June so this is an appropriate time to evaluate the relationship. Council representatives will be asked to attend the meeting to discuss the potential changes to the contract.

S. Schoepp provided the committee with a snowmobile trail grant status report. The report detailed his involvement with the Rush River Trail Rehab grant project. The DNR has determined that additional engineering would be required in order to obtain a construction site storm water runoff permit. Additional engineering would also be required to obtain a chapter 30 permits and a county conditional use permit. The section of trail that would require this permitting is defined as the Jakes, Hines, Kollbaum section. The funding for additional engineering requirement was not within the scope of our current grant.

The DNR Runoff Management Specialist explained the situation to our DNR Community Services Specialist and she provided possible solutions. The Parks Committee directed S. Schoepp to table the project for a year, ask for an extension next April and spend this year calculating what the additional costs will be to have the project engineered in "critical areas" for the planned changes. Then contact Ms. Hessler and apply for the anticipated additional funds. S. Schoepp indicated he would proceed in this manner.

S. Schoepp answered questions raised on the monthly activity report.

Next Meeting Date

The next parks committee meeting will be on June 22, 2009 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room at the Pierce County Courthouse.

Motion by J. Holst, second by T. Gansluckner to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent

Minutes of the Pierce County Parks Committee
August 24, 2009 – 8:30 am
County Board Room
Pierce County Courthouse – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Troy Gansluckner, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Others Present: Paul Barkla, Brad Lawrence, Jason Fey, Andy Pichotta, Roger Spindler, Larry Johnson and Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Public comment was called for. Roger Spindler requested to comment on the snowmobile trail maintenance grant contract; since this issue was an agenda item, he was requested to provide his comments when the topic was presented on the agenda. Larry Johnson, Pierce County ATV Association President, asked if Pierce County was receiving any reimbursement for administering the snowmobile trail grant program. S. Schoepp indicated that Pierce County was not claiming those expenditures at this time. M. Pittman informed Mr. Johnson that the county was in the process of updating the contract with the Pierce County Snowmobile Council at this time and may explore that possibility.

Minutes

The June 22, 2009 minutes were provided. Motion by D. Reis, seconded by K. Snow, to approve the June 22, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Chairman M. Pittman read the language required for the Parks Committee to convene in closed session. Motion by D. Reis, seconded by J. Holst to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats.. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by J. Holst, seconded by T. Gansluckner to return to open session. Roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by K. Snow , second by T. Gansluckner to have members of the Parks Committee meet with county representatives and members of the Pierce County Snowmobile Council to discuss the snowmobile trail maintenance contract. Motion carried. Roger Spindler informed the committee of the various beneficial aspects the snowmobile trails provide to the citizens and businesses of Pierce County.

Martell Forest Project

S. Schoepp presented bid specifications materials for the Martell County Forest Improvement Project. He explained the 3 projects that are to be completed. He stated final bids will be presented to the committee at the next meeting. Motion by D. Reis, second by T. Gansluckner to approve the bid specifications for the Martell County Forest Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Trenton Island

S. Schoepp provided a staff report regarding the past history of exploring the possibility of transferring ownership of some of the Trenton Island Buyout Properties to the Town of Trenton. A. Pichotta provided a map that showed the various Trenton Island Buyout Properties. The two boat ramps located on the island were highlighted and discussed. Andy explained the various constraints that exist on those properties. K. Snow questioned the access to the parcel near Evert's Resort. It was staffs believe that access to the county could be restricted by Evert's Resort. Motion by J. Holst, second by K. Snow to direct staff to begin the necessary procedures required to convey to the Town of Trenton the Trenton Island Buyout Properties; excluding the former Gene's Tackle landing and the parcel containing the concrete boat ramp. Motion carried.

Park Ordinance Revision

S. Schoepp provided an amendment to Chapter 172-18 of the Pierce County Code that would authorize the Parks Committee to govern hunting activities in park properties. Motion by J. Holst, second by D. Reis to amend Chapter 172-18 of the Pierce County Code to govern hunting activities and forward legislation to the Pierce County Finance and Personnel Committee for their approval. Motion carried.

Park Reports

The following reports were provided:

1. Monthly Income
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Monthly Activity Report
4. Preliminary Budget Report

Questions were answered pertaining to these reports.

Future Agenda Items

1. 2010 Budget
2. Award bid for Martell Improvement Project
3. Snowmobile Maintenance Contract with the Pierce County Snowmobile Council.

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks Committee meeting will be on September 21, 2009 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room of the Pierce County Courthouse.

Motion by T. Gansluckner, second by D. Reis to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent

Minutes of the Pierce County Parks Committee
September 21, 2009 – 8:30 am
County Board Room
Pierce County Courthouse – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Troy Gansluckner, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Others Present: Jennifer Prissel, Roger Spindler, Paul Barkla, Gary Zielske, Andy Pichotta, and Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. Public comment was called for and none was provided.

Minutes

The August 24, 2009 minutes were provided. Motion by D. Reis, second by T. Gansluckner, to approve the August 24, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Contract

Chairman M. Pittman informed committee members of the recent meeting held to discuss the snowmobile maintenance contract. Those in attendance were as follows: Mel Pittman, Ken Snow, Brad Lawrence, Jason Fey, Andy Pichotta, Schott Schoepp, Todd & Jennifer Prissel, Roger Spindler and Bill Paider. The meeting was beneficial as it addressed some of the concerns the PCSC had; as well as some of the concerns from the county's side. The primary request from the council was to obtain additional funding for their operation. The terms of the contract were discussed in detail and an agreement was reached. Motion by J. Holst, second by K. Snow to approve the Pierce County Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreement 2009 – 2011. Motion carried. Roger Spindler thanked the committee for their willingness to work with them. M. Pittman thanked the corporation counsel office for their efforts in providing and agreement.

Martell County Forest Project Bids

S. Schoepp provided a bid tally as a result of a bid opening for the Martell County Forest Project. Ten bids were provided from the seventeen contractors who obtained bid specification packets. S. Schoepp read a letter that he received from Déjà vu Trucking and Excavating. The letter was requesting that his bid be retracted due to the fact that he failed to include a 25% compaction ratio into his final yardage calculations, thus resulting in a bid that would not provide an adequate amount of yardage for meeting the project specifications. Motion by T. Gansluckner, second by D. Reis to accept the BS Construction bid of \$22,995 for the Martell County Forest Improvement Project and authorize the County Park Superintendent to contract with BS Construction to complete the project. Motion carried with J. Holst abstaining.

Martell County Forest Timber Sale Bid Specifications

S. Schoepp and Gary Zielske explained the proposed forest management activities to take place in the Martell County Forest. S. Schoepp provided a timber sale prospectus and map that detailed the goals, objectives, and harvest areas. The main objective is to remove undesirable tree species in an effort to create a healthier forest made up of desirable species. The selective harvest species will primarily consist of Elm, Box Elder, and Jack Pine. Motion by D. Reis, second by J. Holst to authorized the County Park Superintendent to obtain bids for a timber sale at the Martel County Forest as recommended and specified by the DNR Forester. Motion carried.

Naming the Martell County Forest

S. Schoepp informed the committee of the need to establish a final name for the property referred to as the Martell County Forest. Various options were provided. Motion by J. Holst, second by D. Reis to officially name the Martell County Forest, Martell County Forest. Motion carried.

Park Budget

S. Schoepp presented the 2010 Parks Report Budget Proposal. The budget was for the following programs: Nugget Lake County Park, Lee Kay Family Educational Forest, Martel County Forest, Trimbelle Recreation Area, Pierce County Shooting Range and the Pierce County Snowmobile Trail Program. The budget and proposal was review and discussed. Motion by J. Holst, second by T. Gansluckner to approve the 2010 Parks Department Budget and forward it to the Pierce County Finance and Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Closed Session

M. Pittman read the closed session language verbatim. Motion by T. Gansluckner, second by D. Reis to move into closed session as pursuant WI. §19.85(1) (c). Roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion by D. Reis, second by T. Gansluckner to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Park Superintendent Reports

S. Schoepp provided the monthly income, expenditures and activity reports for August 2009. Brief discussion took place regarding the reports.

Future Agenda Items

1. Convene Range Sub-committee to discuss schedule for 2010.

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks Committee meeting will be on December 14, 2009 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room of the Pierce County Courthouse.

Motion by T. Gansluckner, second by J. Holst to adjourn at 9:40am. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent

Minutes of the Pierce County Parks Committee
October 27, 2009 – 6:00 pm
Conference Room
Pierce County Highway Department – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Excused: Troy Gansluckner

Others Present: Paul Barkla, Richard Bunce, Brad Lawrence, Andy Pichotta, Jim Kleinhans, Paul Hoffman, Mike Noonan, and Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Public comment was called for and none was provided.

Minutes

The September 21, 2009 minutes were presented. Motion by K. Snow, second by D. Reis, to approve the September 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Town of Trimbelle Land Purchase

A. Pichotta summarized the key points in the staff report for a land purchase in Trimbelle Township. The Land Management and Parks Committees recently met in closed session to consider the purchase of a 20 acre wooded parcel located adjacent to the newly developed Trimbelle Recreation Area. The parcel was being listed for \$64,900. Staff was directed by both committees to pursue the purchase of that parcel. An offer of \$60,000 was accepted by the seller on September 23, 2009.

The history of the Park Development Fund was provided. The parameters established for expending those funds was also provided. The proposed land purchase meets the criteria established and would be an excellent addition to the Trimbelle Recreation Area. The additional land would increase the acreage of the Trimbelle Recreation Area from 12 acres to 32 acres and would provide additional recreational opportunities. The balance in the Park Development is currently \$668,164.00.

Motion by D. Reis, seconded by M. Pittman to approve the purchase of 20 acres in section 21 of the Town of Trimbelle for \$60,000 and forward a recommendation to the Finance and Personnel Committee. Motion carried with J. Holst abstaining.

Trenton Island Land Lease Request

M. Pittman stated that requests have been made for the county to consider leasing portions of the Trenton Island Buyout Properties to support Lock and Dam #3 construction activities taking place in 2010.

A. Pichotta introduced Dick Bunce, Chairman, Town of Trenton and Jim Kleinhans, Zoning Administrator, Pierce County. Mr. Bunce was representing the Town of Trenton and Mr. Kleinhans was available to answer any technical questions. A. Pichotta provided background information pertaining to the Corp of Engineer project. The project is a public works project that will include dredging 118,000 cubic yards of sediment above Lock and Dam #3 and constructing embankments and spillways below the lock and dam. Approximately 98,500 cubic yards of riprap is going to be needed to facilitate the improvements and contractors are currently submitting proposals to provide those materials. County staff has been contacted regarding the possibility of leasing portions of the Trenton Island Buyout Properties to serve as access points to the Mississippi River for transporting materials to the project site. Contractors have primarily expressed an interest in the property formally known as Barb's Dam Resort and parcels located along 831st Street on Trenton Island.

Corporation Counsel has determined the county may lease the buy-out property if it is determined to be appropriate. The Parks Committee recently recommended that a substantial portion of the Trenton Island buy-out properties be deeded to the Town of Trenton, including the properties in question. The process of transferring these properties is underway. Formal action by FEMA, as well as the County Board of Supervisors, is necessary prior to the actual transfer. Issues to consider when determining which, if any, parcel may be appropriate to lease should include; potential impacts to neighboring residential properties, potential impacts to existing commercial activities, ability of existing infrastructure to handle substantial increase in, and weight of , truck traffic, public benefits vs. probable costs and impacts, etc.

J. Holst informed the committee that he had been contacted by representatives of the Town of Trenton regarding this issue. He felt the county should honor their intent to transfer the properties to Trenton Township and allow the Town of Trenton to determine if they want to engage in the use of the property for said purpose. The other committee members agreed that we should defer action on this request due to the fact that we are in the process of deeding the majority of this property to the Town of Trenton.

Mr. Bunce was asked if the Town of Trenton was still interested in acquiring the buy-out properties and he stated they were. Mr. Bunce stated FEMA rules dictate that the properties remain natural. He was very concerned regarding the damage that would be inflicted on town roads if they were used to transport materials. M. Pittman agreed that the potential impact on town roads needed to be considered.

Paul Hoffman, Hoffman Construction, provided comments regarding the project. He stated all contracts have provisions that the roads utilized will be repaired to their original state, or improved beyond their current condition. He informed the committee that this was a public works project and the majority of the work is being completed in the Wisconsin Channel. Access to the river is the main issue at hand he stated. Mr. Bunce asked about the footprint they would need to facilitate staging and loading rock onto barges. Mr. Hoffman stated they would need 2-3 acres with river access. He also stated they would need about 75-100 feet of clear shoreline. He stated that some trees would likely need to be cut but the site would be replanted and restored once the project has been completed.

M. Pittman asked if there was any indication as when FEMA would approve the transfer of ownership to the Town of Trenton. Staff replied that no timetable was available, but did not expect it to be immediate. Due to the fact that the transfer of ownership has been initiated, Mr. Hoffman suggested a joint agreement be established. Once again, committee members felt they needed to relegate the lease decision to the Town of Trenton.

Discussion took place regarding the property known as Barb's Dam Resort. Due to access restrictions and road conditions, the use of this site was no longer in question. Mr. Bunce asked if the former Gene's Tackle site would be acceptable for use. A. Pichotta indicated that was one of the parcels the county intended to retain. County plans indicated a development project for this site was in the near future. Plans were to improve the boat launch with the construction of 2 double stall boat ramps and a fishing pier.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that the former Gene's Tackle site would probably work if the wing dam could be modified to allow for barge traffic. He also indicated it would be possible for them to assist the county with their development plans for the boat launch improvement project. Mr. Hoffman also indicated that any road damage that occurred during the project would be repaired; or improved beyond its current condition.

Motion by D. Reis, second by K. Snow to authorize leasing the Trenton Island Buyout Property formally know as Gene's Tackle subject to the successful negotiation of an agreement between a contractor, the County of Pierce, and the Town of Trenton, with compensation to consist of the development of the site, by the contractor, at no cost to the County or Town, with two (2) double stall boat ramps and a fishing pier at that location. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Reis, second by M. Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent

Minutes of the Pierce County Parks Committee
December 14, 2009 – 8:30 am
County Board Room
Pierce County Courthouse – Ellsworth, WI

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mel Pittman, Jeff Holst, Troy Gansluckner, Dan Reis, and Ken Snow.

Others Present: Larry Johnson, Roger Spindler, Gary Zielske and Scott Schoepp

Chairman M. Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. Public comment was called for and none was provided.

Minutes

The October 27, 2009 minutes were presented. Motion by D. Reis, second by K. Snow, to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Timber Sale – Martell County Forest

S. Schoepp informed the committee on the steps taken to obtain bids for a timber harvest in the Martell County Forest. The bid specifications and harvest area maps were provided. S. Schoepp stated that no bids were received for the proposed sale. G. Zielske explained the state sale process and the possibility of obtaining a contractor to perform the harvest. Motion by J. Holst, second by D. Reis to authorize the County Park Superintendent to obtain and establish a contact with a purchaser for the Martell County Forest timber harvest sale according to the bid specifications pending final approval of the price by the DNR Forester and the Parks Committee Chairman. Motion carried.

Timber Sale – Pierce County Island Property

S. Schoepp and G. Zielske explained the background and history of the Pierce County Islands. They explained that the county retained the timber harvest rights on various scattered parcels throughout the islands. The forested property known as the Goose Lake Peninsula is in need of a thinning harvest to take place in 2010/2011. The majority of the sale area consists of property that the county retains the timber rights on. The sale would be consolidated with the state portion of the sale in order to simplify the sale. The proposed sale would be very similar to the harvest that took place in 1994 on some island property located near Bay City. It was noted that access to the Goose Island sale may be difficult due to the removal of a rail crossing near the property access. DNR staff is working on obtaining sale access. Motion by D. Reis, second by T. Gansluckner to authorize a timber sale on Pierce County Island Property known as the Goose Lake Peninsula and authorized the County Park Superintendent to consolidate bid specifications and contracts with the DNR. Motion carried.

2010 Park Fees

S. Schoepp presented a 2010 park fee proposal. The only change was increasing the camping cabin rental rate from \$45/night to \$50/night. Motion by J. Holst, second by T. Gansluckner to approve the 2010 park fee schedule. Motion carried.

Park Superintendent Report

S. Schoepp provided the Sept/Oct 2009 income report. Total income to date was up over 2008. The monthly financial report was also presented and discussed. The monthly activity report was also presented.

S. Schoepp reported that the Martell County Forest parking lot construction project was completed and turned out very nice.

S. Schoepp reported that he had received information pertaining to the Pierce County ATV Association. Larry Johnson, President of the Association was present to request county assistance for administering the program. Mr. Johnson stated his group has established trails on town roads as much as possible and was now moving into establishing trails on private lands. He stated funding is available to establish trails on private property but an ATV Trail Coordinator is needed to move in that direction. He provided a plan for incorporating into the outdoor recreation plan. The plan submitted had goals to establish multi-use trails with snowmobiles, bicycles and horses. Discussion took place regarding the compatibility of the various user groups. The plan also called for establishing a county coordinator for administering the program. Committee members requested that the association provide an expectation of duties that would be required if a coordinator was provided. The association was to work with S. Schoepp to prepare a plan to include in the outdoor recreation plan. The plan will be provided at the next parks committee meeting.

S. Schoepp reported on the recent deer hunting activities that took place at the park. He reported approximately 225 maps were handed out over the 9 day period. No major problems occurred. K. Snow complimented the park staff on the job they did on signing, mapping and assisting hunters. He also reported that overall, the hunt provided a rewarding experience for all those who participated.

S. Schoepp reported that the installation of the fishing pier took place in October. The project went very smooth and will be a great attribute to the park. K. Snow informed the committee that he examined the pier and found it to be very nice.

Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items will include the Pierce County ATV Association plan for the outdoor recreation plan and the performance evaluation of the County Park Superintendent.

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks Committee meeting was set for February 15th, 2010. It was later discovered that this day was President's Day and the courthouse would be closed. The next Parks Committee meeting will be on February 22nd, 2010 at 8:30 am in the County Board Room.

Motion by J. Holst, second by T. Gansluckner to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Scott Schoepp
County Park Superintendent