

PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 9, 2013

The Park Committee of the Grant County Supervisors met on September 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 266 on second floor of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI, pursuant to the last meeting of June 19, 2013.

Robert Scallon, Chair called the meeting to order.

Verification was made by the County Clerk, Linda Gebhard that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, published in the Herald Independent, posted in two places and on the county website.

Members present: Robert Scallon, Donald Splinter, Gary Ranum, Roger Guthrie, and Dale Hood. Also present were Larry Wolf, County Board Chair, Randy Hamann and Richard Wilkinson, River Access Employees, Dave Lambert, Highway Commissioner, Todd Johnson, Extension Comm. Resource Agent.

Agenda: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Don Splinter, seconded by Roger Guthrie, made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2013. Motion carried.

Lawn Mower bids: Two bids were submitted to the committee for their review. One for a John Deere Signature Series X738 lawn mower from Sloan Implement Company Inc., in Bloomington, WI for \$8,450.00 and one for a Simplicity Legacy XL lawn mower from Price Equipment Sales, Inc. in Bloomington, WI for \$9,100.00.

Motion was made by Don Splinter, seconded by Roger Guthrie to accept the bid from Sloan Implement Company, Inc., for the John Deere mower at a cost of \$8,450.00 to be paid out of the River Access carryover account. Motion carried.

Trimmer bids: Motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Ranum to accept the bid from Liberty Ag and Lawn for \$435.91 to purchase 2 new Stihl FS 90 R Straight shaft Trimmers with loop handle. This will be paid out of the River Access carryover account. Motion carried.

2014 River Access Budget: The projected 2014 Budget was submitted to the committee by the County Clerk, Linda Gebhard. Motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the draft budget to go to the Executive Committee for the final approval. Motion carried.

Boat Landing Updates: Larry Austin, County Surveyor, was present to discuss the Wyalusing Boat Landing. He has contacted the Army Core of Engineers to discuss the current issue at the boat landing but has received no answers back as to what can be done at the boat landing.

Todd Johnson Extension Comm. Resource Agent, informed the committee that the last extension for the grant money had been issued by DNR to the county. By June 30, 2014 the money left in the grant had to be used toward any new construction at the boat landing. There is a total of \$31,115.20 left in the grant to use, (\$14,384.61 State share and \$16,730.59 County share).

After much discussion, Don Splinter, seconded by Dale Hood, made a motion to directed Larry Austin, County Engineer, to contact Mead and Hunt to establish a cost for the work that would need to be done to correct the issues made by the river current at the Wyalusing Boat Landing; to establish a time line in which the work could be completed in order to stay within the time allowed in the grant stipulations to use the remaining money for construction; and receive a probability report on whatever method would be used to correct the issues at the Wyalusing Boar Landing as to how permanent the solution(s) would be. This information is to be reported back to Larry Wolf, County Board Chair and a committee meeting will then be called to further discuss the issue. Motion carried.

Randy Hamann, River Access Employee asked the committee if they would approve to have Alan Orr take the docks out of the water when the boating season ends. The committee told Randy to use his discretion with Alan Orr to determine the best time to remove the dock.

Randy Hamann stated that Alan Orr had removed the sand build up at the Millville Boat Landing and now the boats could be unloaded with no problems.

Don Splinter stated that he had heard some complaints regarding the O'Leary Boat landing that the cement slab was to far from the dock. After discussion the committee concluded that this issue could not be fixed as the cement pad can not be moved.

Another complaint received from the O'Leary Boat Landing was snow removal. During winter months the ice fisherman stated they did not have enough room to drive in the landing to ice fish. The committee established that snow removal was the responsibility of Jamestown Township not the County. There were some concerns regarding an abandoned roadway. It was established by the committee that this area was not the responsibility of the County.

The Boscobel Landing was discussed. Todd Johnson stated that he had been in contact with a representative from DNR and they had discussed three ideas that could possibly help some of the issues at that landing.

1. To fill in a low spot at the landing to obtain more parking.
2. To create a secondary landing for canoes only.
3. To get rid of the garbage cans and post signs stating "Take out what you bring in".

Scott Teuber, Owner of WI River Outings Boscobel, and Robin Baumeister were present to state some of their concerns with the Boscobel Boat Landing. They feel the parking is inadequate at the landing. They stated that the City of Boscobel was discussing the possibility of adding a walkway from the city limits out to the boat landing. Arlie Harris, City Administrator would have more information on this. The possibility of filling in a back slough was discussed but that was only speculation to what DNR would approve and by doing this would still not solve the parking issues. Another issue that had been brought up was the signage. It was felt that the signs are not clearly stated and are causing some confusion.

Robert Scallon stated that he had submitted the parking complaint to the Grant County Corporation Counsel for his review as to what legal action is needed to remedy this situation.

There was some discussion on an existing landing on the other side of the highway from the Boscobel Landing which possibly could be used for more parking. It was not known who owned or maintained this property.

Richard Wilkinson, River Access employee questioned the committee why a fee could not be charged for overnight parking at the Boscobel Landing or post signs stating “no overnight parking is permitted”.

The committee directed Todd Johnson to follow up on these issues to see if there could be permanent fix to all the issues that had been stated. Gary Ranum suggested that Todd contact the DNR to see if they have a directive for the county so they can work together to solve all these issues.

No action was taken on any of the listed issues. The committee will discuss these issues further when Todd Johnson and Larry Austin bring the follow up information back to the committee for review.

Bob Scallon stated that he wanted it in the minutes that when the new season starts in 2014, that Reynolds Construction be contacted to dredge out the Boscobel Landing at the beginning of the season to avoid some of the complaints.

Linda Gebhard, County Clerk submitted two questions that had been brought to the Clerk’s office. Would the committee consider a discount on the Parking Permits for Senior Citizens? Would the committee consider a discount for purchasing a permit late in the season? The committee discussed the issues, no action was taken.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Ranum made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the call of the chair for the next meeting. Motion carried.