

LaRiviere Park Board
Minutes of Nov 9, 2011
Prairie du Chien City Hall Conference Room #2

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Chairman Achenbach. Committee members in attendance were: Dean Achenbach, Craig Martin, Marty Larson, Dick Martin, Mike Mara, Jim Walz, Ivan Hoffland and Duane Nagel. Others in attendance were Mike Ulrich, Richard Bannen, Deanna Baker, and Dennis Kirschbaum.

Absent: Kathy Koch.

Motion by Mara, seconded by Nagel to certify that open meeting requirements were met. Motion carried.

Minutes from the October Meeting were approved as published.

Monthly Expenses and Budget Review

The expenses were accepted as presented by Mike Ulrich.

Motion made by Hoffland, 2nd by Mara, to approve purchase of roofing materials to complete the planned repairs to the milk house. Motion carried on a voice vote.

A general discussion ensued regarding proper handling of gifts and donations. The item was tabled for future action.

LaRiviere Riders

Rich Bannen advised that all trail repair activities have ceased for the winter season; trails are in good repair, especially those that have recently been repaired/relocated using proper techniques.

It was mentioned that trail work is needed near Campsite "C" in the Boy Scout camp area and that work needs to be done on the shared trail near the "ditch crossing". Both items will be placed on the spring trail work list.

Forest Management Plan

A general discussion occurred regarding the potential of a selected tree harvest as a funding source for monies needed to preserve the barn. Concerns were voiced that a tree harvest may not be appropriate with a "Park". Past and future precedents were

discussed with many board members sharing the concern that the Park not be a source of emergency repair funds. The alternative- allowing the barn to deteriorate beyond repair was not deemed acceptable by anyone present. Walz offered to prepare a draft plan/procedure for possible tree harvest that should reflect the wishes of the donator Dan LaRiviere, so that future actions may be in accordance with Dan LaRiviere' s will. The issue was tabled.

Prairie Improvement and Toboggan Run

Dennis Kirschbaum reported that some ongoing Prairie Stand work and Toboggan Run improvements would be completed, assuming that the weather permits.

Park Calendar

No additions or changes in the current park calendar were submitted.

InformationItem

Craig Martin reported that the Brisbois Archery Club has disbanded, due to declining club membership. The club is glad to report that the PdC Rod and Gun Club will assume many of the offerings of the archery. The LaRiviere Park Board extends a "Thank You" to the current and former members of the Brisbois Archery Club for their years of service to the Prairie du Chien Community.

No Items for future consideration and information were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Achenbach