

MEETING NOTICE

OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: DuWayne Federwitz, Chair (Waupaca Co.), Nicholas Kesler (Calumet Co.), Daniel Rettler (Outagamie Co.), Jeremy Johnson (Menominee County), Larry Timm (Waushara Co.), and Bob Schmeichel (Winnebago County)

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

Please register for Open Space and Environmental Management Committee on Jul 8, 2020
1:20 PM CDT at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8923328915699662094>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Connection issues can be emailed to the Interim Executive Director, Melissa Kraemer Badtke at mbadtke@ecwrpc.org. Please contact our offices at least 48 hours in advance if you are unable to attend or arrange for an alternate, as a quorum (3) is needed to conduct Committee business. This will be a call in meeting via GotoWebinar.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Statement of Compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 regarding Open Meetings
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Approval of Agenda / Motion to Deviate
- 5) Public Comment pertaining to items on agenda

ACTION ITEMS:

- 6) Approval of April 8, 2020 Open Space & Environmental Management Committee Summary of Proceedings (**Attachment #1**)

ECWRPC Open Space & Env. Management Committee
July 8, 2020
Agenda, continued

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

7) News and Announcements

DOA Grants – County and Local Cares Act COVID-19 Funding (**Attachment #2**)

8) Program/Project Updates & Discussion Items:

a) Water Management Issue Updates

i) Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup Event August 22, 2020

b) Open Space and Recreation Planning Activities (Trish N.)

i) Status Report of CORP Projects

ii) City of Waupaca Article (**Attachment #3**)

c) NR-135 Non-metallic Mining Reclamation Program Report and Updates (Scott K.)

d) GIS and Mapping Updates (Mike Z.)

9) ECWRPC Steering Committee Update

10) County Round Table Sharing/Discussion (as time permits)

11) 2019 Meeting Times and Schedule

a) Next meeting: October 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., location TBD

12) Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting dates: This Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Locations may vary by season and ECWRPC conference room availability.

Tentative Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates:

2020 Dates: October 14, 2020

Public Meeting Notice has been sent to media outlets and Open Space & Environmental Committee Members were notified via mail and email.

Accommodation Notice: Any person requiring special accommodation & who wishes to attend this meeting should contact ECWRPC Offices at 920-751-4770 at least 48 hours in advance.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Open Space and Environmental Management Committee
ECWRPC GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting, Menasha, WI
April 8, 2020

Committee Members Present:

DuWayne Federwitz, Chair Waupaca County
 Bob Schmeichel, Vice Chair Winnebago County
 Hope Karth Calumet County
 Larry Timm Waushara County

Committee Members Not Present:

Dan Rettler (excused) Outagamie County
 Jeremy Johnson (perm alt. for Elizabeth Moses) (excused) Menominee County

Staff Present:

Melissa Kraemer Badtke Interim Executive Director
 Scott Konkle Reclamation Mining Specialist
 Todd Verboomen Principal Planner
 Trish Nau Principal Park and Recreation Planner
 Anna Hogan GIS Planning Assistant

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chair DuWayne Federwitz called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. No introductions were made as everyone on the web was acquainted.

2. Statement of Compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 Regarding Open Meetings Requirements

It was determined that the meeting was in compliance with Wisconsin § Chapter 19, Subchapter V, Section 19.84 regarding Open Meeting Requirements and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda & Motion to deviate

A motion to approve the agenda and to deviate as needed was made by Mr. Schmeichel and seconded by Ms. Karth. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public / Guest Comment

There was no public present.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of January 8, 2020 Open Space & Environmental Management Committee Summary of Proceedings *(Attachment #1)*

A motion to approve the summary of proceedings was made by Mr. Schmeichel with a second by Mr. Timm. Motion was carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Announcements: Ms. Kraemer-Badtke gave an update on the following items:

- a) Remote Meetings per the COVID-19 pandemic procedures - All current public meetings will go to virtual per the stay at home order until lifted
- b) Quarterly Commission Meeting and Annual Meeting, April 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. will be a virtual meeting, please plan to call in and attend.
- c) Mini-Conference scheduled for April 24- Cancelled

Ms. Nau relayed to the Committee that the WDNR is still accepting Grant Applications for park projects until May 1, 2020, but could be extended based on the pandemic deferment (DNR, LWCF).

STAFF ITEMS:

Water Management Issues

Mr. Verboomen shared updates on the White Clay Lake “Fish Sticks” project. (Young trees will be brought over the ice and then sunk in the lake to provide spawning habitat and help populate more fish within the lake.) Proper permitting with the DNR has been obtained and the Sportsman Club is running the process. He also stated that the Lake Michigan Stakeholder’s meetings have gone to virtual meetings as well and the annual conference moved to October 6th of this year.

Ms. Nau directed the committee members to the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance website and encouraged them to public comment on the Lake management Plan Draft that has now went to the DNR. She also relayed that the Clean-up Event for May 2, 2020 may be postponed pending the stay and home order.

Recreation Planning Activities Update

Ms. Nau gave a status report to the Committee on 2020 CORP projects.

City of New London – Level of Service analysis and Online Survey
City of Waupaca – Park Board Virtual Meeting Presentation on the planning process, 4-9-2020
Village of Hortonville – Online survey online, responses are rolling in
Village of Mattoon – Continue to work on the background chapters.

As the weather gets warmer and leaves on trees, park audits will be performed and documented.

NR-135 Metallic Mining Program

Mr. Konkle's conveyed to the committee that the Annual Reporting has gone well. He is waiting on four site reports yet. He has received calls for new sites, and continues to meet/call operators on requirements.

GIS Related Projects and Updates:

Ms. Hogan stated she continues to work on wayfinding sign displays and designs for the Newton Blackmour State Trail and has completed the signage graphics for the Solomon Trail. She continues to access in the mapping of the Comprehensive Plans where needed.

Steering Committee Update:

In an effort to better inform all Commissioners/Committees, routine reports on Steering Committee activities will be provided as each Standing Committee meeting.

The Steering Committee met most recently on March 3rd and March 26th, 2020 to address and discuss a number of items, including:

- Receiving input and feedback from other Standing Committees and Commissioners on prioritizing projects/programs to align the budget and work program going forward, and;
- Need for a policy on providing technical assistance to communities on edge of member counties;
- New fee structure of Technical Assistance projects;
- Search for new Executive Director by a designated search committee.
- Next meeting is on April 16, 2020 at 10 am

Discussion on Mr. Fowle's leaving pursued by Committee Members stating no clarification was given and express concerned on how the process entailed with no transparency in the result. Ms. Badtke said she understood their concerns on the matter and encouraged them to reach out to Marty Farrell, Commission Chair for more clarification.

County Round Table Discussion:

Items of importance from committee members regarding their perspective counties consisted of:

Calumet County - Ms. Karth stated that the county has shut down all county parks because of the virus all meetings have gone virtual now.

Winnebago County - Mr. Schmiechel relayed the county and town have gone to virtual meetings as well and by appointment only. Also, the National Guard was on hand to help with the election and polling situation.

Waushara County – Mr. Timm stated that the County Courthouse is closed and by appointment only.

Waupaca County – Mr. Federwitz said their County for meetings have an option to call in or be in person with the distancing rules in place.

Next Meeting Time & Agenda

The next meeting of the committee is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** location TBD.

Adjournment

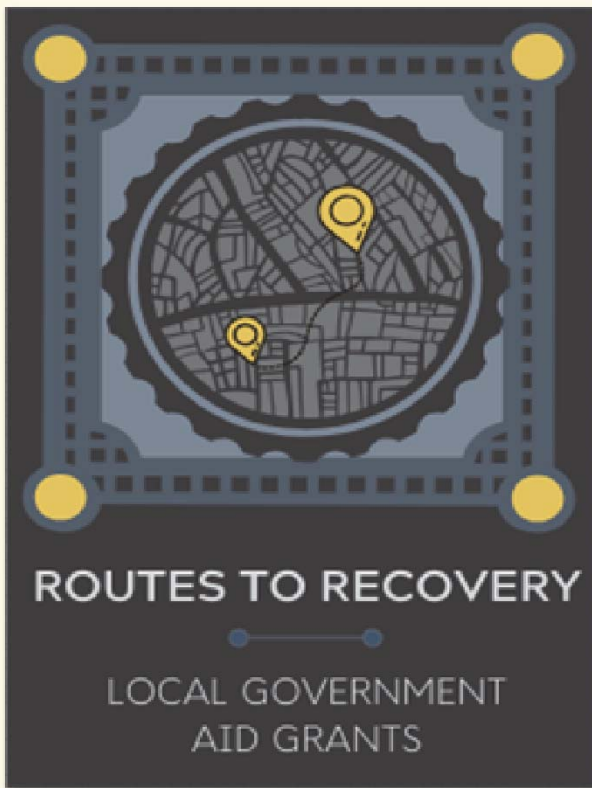
A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schmiechel and seconded by Mr. Timm. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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*July 8, 2020
October 14, 2020*

Summary of Proceedings submitted respectively by Trish Nau, Principal Parks and Recreation Planner



Routes to Recovery Grants provide \$200 million in flexible grants for local government's unbudgeted expenditures incurred this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that have not already been covered through existing State of Wisconsin virus response efforts. Grants will cover reimbursements for:

- Emergency operation activities, including those related to public health, emergency services, and public safety response
- Purchases of personal protective equipment
- Cleaning/sanitizing supplies and services, including those related to elections administration
- Temporary isolation housing for infected or at-risk individuals
- Testing and contact tracing costs above those covered by existing State programs
- FMLA and sick leave for public health and safety employees to take COVID-19 precautions
- Meeting local match requirements for expenses submitted for reimbursement by FEMA, to the full extent permitted by federal law

The determination of a local government's **Routes to Recovery Grant** amount is a formula based on the jurisdiction's population, as well as the priority of providing Wisconsin's units of local government no less than \$5,000, regardless of size of the population.

\$10million of **Routes to Recovery Grants** have also been set aside for Wisconsin's Tribal Partners.

Routes to Recovery Grant Allocation Amounts for Wisconsin Counties

Reminder: The **Routes to Recovery Grants** are on-top of the \$1 Billion in resources Governor Evers has already allocated for the state-wide response to COVID-19. These resources include the distribution of testing supplies, PPE, contact tracing, and other valuable resources to communities across the state.

County Name	Estimated population	Routes to Recovery Grant Allocation
Adams	20,630	\$335,393
Ashland	15,946	\$259,243.00
Barron	46,472	\$755,520.00
Bayfield	15,335	\$249,309.00
Brown	262,452	\$4,266,824.00
Buffalo	13,707	\$222,842.00
Burnett	15,524	\$252,382.00
Calumet	53,018	\$861,942.00
Chippewa	64,881	\$1,054,805.00
Clark	34,748	\$564,917.00
Columbia	57,282	\$931,264.00
Crawford	16,669	\$270,997.00
Dane	537,328	\$8,735,631.00
Dodge	90,032	\$1,463,699.00
Door	28,650	\$465,778.00

County Name	Estimated population	Routes to Recovery Grant Allocation
Douglas	44,468	\$722,940.00
Dunn	44,621	\$725,428.00
Eau Claire	103,159	\$1,677,111.00
Florence	4,475	\$72,752.00
Fond du Lac	104,423	\$1,697,661.00
Forest	9,195	\$149,488.00
Grant	52,954	\$860,902.00
Green	37,086	\$602,927.00
Green Lake	19,224	\$312,535.00
Iowa	23,896	\$388,490.00
Iron	5,894	\$95,822.00
Jackson	20,832	\$338,677.00
Jefferson	84,579	\$1,375,046.00
Juneau	27,232	\$442,725.00
Kenosha	170,071	\$2,764,936.00
Kewaunee	20,782	\$337,864.00
La Crosse	119,484	\$1,942,516.00
Lafayette	17,002	\$276,411.00
Langlade	20,086	\$326,549.00
Lincoln	28,957	\$470,770.00
Manitowoc	81,643	\$1,327,314.00
Marathon	136,517	\$2,219,430.00
Marinette	41,401	\$673,078.00
Marquette	15,390	\$250,204.00
Menominee	4,265	\$69,338.00
Milwaukee	946,296	\$15,384,444.00
Monroe	46,994	\$764,007.00
Oconto	38,778	\$630,435.00
Oneida	36,285	\$589,905.00
Outagamie	187,092	\$3,041,655.00
Ozaukee	89,905	\$1,461,634.00
Pepin	7,431	\$120,810.00
Pierce	42,208	\$686,198.00
Polk	44,536	\$724,046.00
Portage	71,680	\$1,165,340.00
Price	14,216	\$231,117.00
Racine	196,487	\$3,194,395.00
Richland	18,007	\$292,749.00
Rock	160,444	\$2,608,425.00
Rusk	14,919	\$242,546.00
St. Croix	89,692	\$1,458,171.00
Sauk	63,281	\$1,028,793.00

County Name	Estimated population	Routes to Recovery Grant Allocation
Sawyer	16,893	\$274,639.00
Shawano	41,775	\$679,159.00
Sheboygan	116,547	\$1,894,767.00
Taylor	20,849	\$338,953.00
Trempealeau	29,964	\$487,141.00
Vernon	30,424	\$494,619.00
Vilas	21,798	\$354,382.00
Walworth	104,062	\$1,691,792.00
Washburn	16,027	\$260,560.00
Washington	137,637	\$2,237,639.00
Waukesha	405,991	\$6,600,414.00
Waupaca	52,368	\$851,375.00
Waushara	24,517	\$398,586.00
Winnebago	170,580	\$2,773,211.00
Wood	75,450	\$1,226,631.00

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The Waupaca River is popular for fishing, including this segment by Brainards Bridge Park. Angie Landsverk Photo

Outdoor plan to be updated

City seeks
input on parks

BY ANGIE LANDSVERK
STAFF REPORTER

WAUPACA - The city of Waupaca is updating its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) this year.

"Having an updated CORP allows us to do two things," said Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Whitman.

It helps the city have a better understanding of the community's needs and allows it to seek grants for improvements, he said.



South Park's pavilion includes a patio area. The shelter looks over Shadow Lake and is near the park's playground. South Park also includes a beach and fishing piers.

Angie Landsverk Photo

A requirement for many Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grants is to have an updated CORP, Whitman said.

"It gives a lot of direction," he said. "A big part of the CORP is getting information from the community."

Whitman said the five-year plan helps the city better understand what the community needs and wants.

"We have our ideas about what would make the department better," he said. "We want to hear from people."

The plan will help the Parks and Recreation Department determine its next steps for park improvements, he said.

The CORP will include the city's parks, green spaces, facilities and programs.

Waupaca's original plan was created in 2011.

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The need to update the plan came to light when the city prepared for this year's update of its comprehensive plan.

"We recognized this (CORP) needs to be updated and decided to do it separately," Whitman said.

The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is assisting the city with the CORP update.

Trish Nau is the Commission's principal park and recreation planner.

She said ECWRPC's role is to help communities in the region with an analysis of the parks in their municipality.

This includes a current inventory of parks and amenities, needs analysis based off population data, number of parks and distances from residents, Nau said.

"The needs are looked at in terms of are there enough parks to serve the population now and in the future, and also amenities per trends of the community such as base-



Swan Park includes ball fields, a sled hill and also a playground, area for skateboarding and access to the River Ridge Trail.

Angie Landwehr Photos



This segment of the River Ridge Trail runs along the Waupaca River, by Brainards Bridge Park.

ball diamonds, soccer fields and the like," she said.

The process includes getting feedback from the public.

Nau worked with the city's

Parks and Recreation staff to create an online survey.

"The survey is open to Waupaca area residents," Whitman said. "It will be open all summer."