



MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 10:30am

Meeting Location: 212 River Dr. Wausau WI 54403, Room 5

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: 1-408-418-9388 Access code: 2483 696 8069. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

Park Commission Members -

Commissioners: Dawn Herbst, Jean Maszk, Allen Opall, Rick Seefeldt, Kelly Zagrzebski, Lou Larsen, Vacant

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement: *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

Agenda Items

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes – Any Person Who Wishes to Address the Commission Must Provide, Name, Address and the Topic to the President of the Commission No Later than Five Minutes Before the Start of the Meeting. Topics must be relevant to the Committee’s area of jurisdiction.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 4, 2023 Park Commission Meeting**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. None
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. None
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration
 1. None
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee**
 - A. None
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Presentation on the 2022-2023 Snowmobile Season
 - B. Project Update (Trails, Campgrounds and Boat Launches, Athletic Facilities, Water Systems, Playgrounds, Arbor Day)
 - C. Marathon Park Water Project

8. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10:30am, 212 River Dr. Room 5 Wausau, WI 54403
- B. Future Agenda Items – Big Eau Pleine Special Deer Hunt

9. Adjourn

Signed /s/ Jamie Polley
Presiding Officer or Her
Designee

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.
FAXED TO DAILY HERALD THIS NOTICE POSTED AT THE COURTHOUSE

(Email/Fax City Pages, Marshfield News, Midwest Radio Group)
Date April 28, 2023 Time 10:30 a.m.
By Jodi Luebbe

Date _____ Time _____
By _____

AGENDA SUMMARY

7A. Presentation on the 2022-2023 Snowmobile Season

The Department's Recreation Coordinator will provide the Commission with an overview of the 2022-2023 snowmobile season.

7B. Project Update

Trails, Campgrounds and Boat Launches:

- All trail conditions are looking good and trails are planned to be opened on May 15 if conditions allow.
- Campgrounds open on May 1, 2023, work has been completed to prepare for opening;
 - Clean up of a lots of storm damage from winter
 - Grading roads, blowing off sites and roads
 - Plumbing is up and running at Dells and BEP
- Boat launches hoping to be in by 5/6 (city and county) – dependent upon flow volume

Athletic Facilities:

- Pickleball nets up
- Peoples Sports Complex opens 4/30 (earlier than normal)
 - New automated line painter operational – and amazing!
 - Restroom was added to maintenance garage.
- Sunnysvale Softball in use by schools with Youth Baseball starting soon

Water Systems:

- Staff continues to install the water systems and get the parks up and running for the spring/summer. There is an issue with one of the hand wells at Big Eau Pleine. Staff is working on a solution.

Playgrounds:

- Bluegill Bay, Cherokee and Mission Lake Park playgrounds will be installed after Memorial Day

Arbor day:

- Arbor Day planting in Marathon Park on Thursday 4/27

7C. Marathon Park Water Project

The City of Wausau has agreed to complete the construction administration on this project for the County therefor the project costs, including looping the watermain, installing the lateral to the splash pad and contingency fall within the funds allocated by the County in the 2023 CIP. No additional action is needed by the Commission.

To proceed with the project the Wausau Water Commission will be asked to accept the watermain through Marathon Park so that it can be looped from Garfield Ave to Stewart Ave without the installation of check valves. Upon acceptance by the water utility the City Council will approve the easement where the watermain is located. The watermain will be a City of Wausau watermain and the laterals will be maintained by the County. The contractor has submitted the contract, bond and insurance and has begun work in the park. Completion of the project is set for July 16, 2023. The City of Wausau Public Works department will assist with the paving at the end of the project.

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MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Date and Time of Meeting: April 4, 2023 at 10:30am Location: Room 5 at 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

Park Commissioners present: Dawn Herbst, Lou Larson, Jean Maszk-(via webex), Allen Opall, Rick Seefeldt, Kelly Zagrzebski

Staff present: Jamie Polley-Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director, Andy Sims-Assistant Director-Operations

1. Call to Order – Vice-President Herbst called the Park Commission meeting to order at 10:30am. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with the State statutes.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward

3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Park Commission Meeting – Motion by Zagrzebski, second by Herbst to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 6-0.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. None

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Review Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Information and Summary – Polley explained that some bats have been listed as federally endangered on March 31 and the Wisconsin County Forests Association has been working with the DNR on how to continue to manage the forests. The County can sign on to the Lake States Bat Conservation Plan which is a way to receive incidental take coverage and to be sure that Marathon County Forest is in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act with respect to the federally listed bat species. County parks can also sign on to the plan so staff would enroll both the parks and forests on the same application. As the application and/or resolution becomes available staff will bring this item back to the Park Commission and the Forestry/Recreation Committee for approval. Questions were answered.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration – None

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None

7. Educational Presentation/Outcome Monitoring Reports for Discussion

A. Project Update – Trails Closed – All trails are closed until after May 15 and conditions allow. DC Everest Restroom – Replacement restroom purchased for D.C. Everest Park. This will be a plumbed restroom replacing the existing vault restroom. Boat and Camper Storage – Boat and camper pickup begins soon. Firewood Processing – Firewood processing, hauling, stacking is complete for the season. Parking Lot Repair – Grading and cleanup of parking lots.

B. Marathon Park Water Project – Polley reported that bids were returned and opened on March 28. The bidding consisted of the base bid to complete the watermain and laterals in the spring/summer of 2023. In addition, there were five alternates including the pavement work, cost of doing the work in the fall, looping the watermain to Stewart Ave., site restoration, and installing the lateral to the splashpad. No action is needed at this point, action will only be needed if additional funding is requested which is not anticipated at this time. Construction bids came in under budget. The contractor will do the work in the spring and the project will be completed before the Fair. With the base bid, they can afford to loop the watermain to Stewart Avenue which is what the Water Department prefers. Staff is still deciding whether pavement and restoration work can be done less expensively by internal departments. The last alternative is the splashpad lateral and because of how the numbers are coming in Polley feels it should be included in the project. The splashpad has reached its useful life, however it still works and can be open to the public. Even if it's decided in the future to move the location of the splashpad there still could be a different water feature at that

current location such as a fountain. Staff still has to assess the costs of operating the Junction/Splashpad area. Polley noted the construction administration quote came in very high so she has requests out to three other organizations for those costs. Depending upon where that is will determine the bituminous and the site restoration and then potentially the splashpad lateral but she thinks the splashpad lateral and the looping the main is something that can be put in the project. If construction/administration comes in high it is just under budget with not a lot in contingency funds. The plan is to proceed with the project and if a budget adjustment is needed it will have to come back through Committee's and County Board for that budget amendment. Questions were answered. Members thought the splashpad lateral and looping of the main should be included. Polley thought the project would start in early May.

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B. Future Agenda Items – Future discussion on Big Eau Pleine Special Deer Hunt

9. Adjourn - Motion by Herbst, second by Opall to adjourn the meeting at 11:05am. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 6-0.