



MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 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: 2489 819 6350. 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, Carol Lukens, Lou Larson

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 October 4, 2022 Park Commission Meeting**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. Marathon County Rural Bike Route Network Map
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. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 19 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances.
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee**
 - A. None
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Project Update (Winterizations, Nine Mile Updates, Memorial benches, Marathon Park Ice)
8. **Announcements**
 - A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 10:30am, 212 River Dr. Room 5 Wausau, WI 54403
 - B. Future Agenda Items –
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.

EMAILED/FAXED TO DAILY HERALD and other News Media

Date October 27, 2022 Time 9:30 a.m.

By Jodi Luebbe

THIS NOTICE POSTED AT THE COURTHOUSE

Date _____ Time _____

By _____

AGENDA SUMMARY

4A1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Proposed Marathon County Rural Bike Route Network Map
Included on the work plan of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director as well as the Highway Commissioner is to develop a county bicycle network. The development of this network is also identified in the current County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The purpose of the development of this map is to identify low traffic routes that connect people with places (I.e. citizens to park, citizens to communities and parks to communities) as well as provide the highway department with a map of the roads that should include enhancements for bicycles at the time the road needs work. The type of bicycle facility added during construction will vary based on the road.

The proposed rural bike route network map was presented to the Infrastructure Committee on October 6, 2022. The Infrastructure Committee made a few minor changes and moved to approve the network map. The attached proposed bicycle network map includes the changes made by the ERC. The Commission is asked to review and approve the proposed bicycle network plan and move its adoption.

5B1. Discussion and Possible Action for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 19 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances.
The proposed amendments are recommendations to clarify and enhance a number of ordinances where questions have arisen in the field over the past year. These amendments will allow the ordinances to be more easily enforced by the Recreation Deputies and Assistance Facility Managers. At this time the Park Commission is asked to discuss these amendments, recommend changes if needed and forward on to the Environmental Resources Committee. Any changes to these amendments will be reviewed by Corporation Counsel prior to review by the Environmental Resources Committee.

7A. Project Update
Winterizations

- Water system winterization is nearing completion, including irrigation.
- Campgrounds closed on 10/31
- Sports Complex closed on 10/31
- Boat launches have been removed for the season
- Boat and Camper storage is complete

Nine Mile Updates

- Ski Trail restoration underway at Nine Mile
- Kiosk upgrade at Nine Mile

Memorial Benches

- Two memorial benches completed (Rib Falls, Marathon Park)

Marathon Park Ice

- Second sheet of ice at Marathon Park opened on 10/29

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MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Date and Time of Meeting: October 4, 2022 at 10:30am Location: Room 5 at 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

Park Commissioners present: Dawn Herbst, Jean Maszk-(via web-ex), Rick Seefeldt, Kelly Zagrzebski

Park Commissioners excused: Carol Lukens, Allen Opall, Lou Larson

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

Others present: Jason Valerius – MSA Consultant

1. Call to Order – President Seefeldt 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 August 2, 2022 Park Commission Meeting and August 2, 2022 Joint Meeting with the Fair Board – Motion by Maszk, second by Herbst to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting and joint meeting minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Proposed 2023 Budget – Polley explained that a budget has been submitted for 2023 that has a 0% increase over 2022 to the County Administrator. She discussed the class compensation study that the County is doing and how it affects the budget. She discussed notable changes to expenditures and revenues. The Department hopes to have future discussions about putting excess timber sale revenues into a fund to help offset low timber revenue years. Polley discussed the small project list. Questions were answered. **Motion** by Herbst, second by Zagrzebski to support the proposed 2023 budget. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.

2. 2023-2024 Facility and Program Fee Schedule – Polley explained that approval of the fees is recommended at this time to allow users to reserve shelters and camping twelve months in advance. A two percent convenience fee on credit card transactions with the Department will be implemented. Other increases include shelter fees, winter fat tire bike trial season pass, camping fees, event add-on's, snowshoe annual passes, and winter tall storage fees. The increases proposed are to keep in line with CPI increases and the increased departmental staffing and equipment costs. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Seefeldt, second by Herbst to pass the schedule fee. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.

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

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee - None

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

A. Adoption of the Westside Master Plan – Jason Valerius, MSA Consultant discussed a summary of park improvements that included recommended changes to the system of drives and roadways to the park, parking changes and future forestry management. He discussed other recommendations which include moving the Fair midway to the south of the grandstand, relocating the horse barn and arena, and creating a retention pond. Discussion occurred on these items. Polley will bring this plan to an upcoming Fairboard meeting. Other recommendations include improvements to the south entrance with stone entry features and East Gate Hall updates. Marathon Junction would receive the most major updates including a year-round concession building, proposed winter and summer ice skating ribbon, new splash pad area, multi-age playground, train ride expansion, and an option of a beer garden area with weekly food carts. No significant changes are proposed for the campground. The southwest corner of the park has a proposed disc golf and high ropes/challenge course but this would require more exploration. Other options for the area were discussed. The idea is to make the southwest corner an area that people want to use for a reason. The recommendations south of the railroad tracks are dependent on future determinations made in the area. Possibilities

include a new indoor multi-sport facility, summer field/green space, potential sports court's re-location, and residential development. Recommendations to the east of the park are to replace Marathon Hall and the parking area north of Stewart Avenue with housing developments. Discussion occurred on some of the ideas in the plan. Commission members recommended that the concept plan show the potential of the court sports on the property currently owned by the County. **Motion** by Seefeldt, second by Herbst to recommend forwarding the plan on to the Human Resources and Finance Committee. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 4-0.

7. Educational Presentation/Outcome Monitoring Reports for Discussion

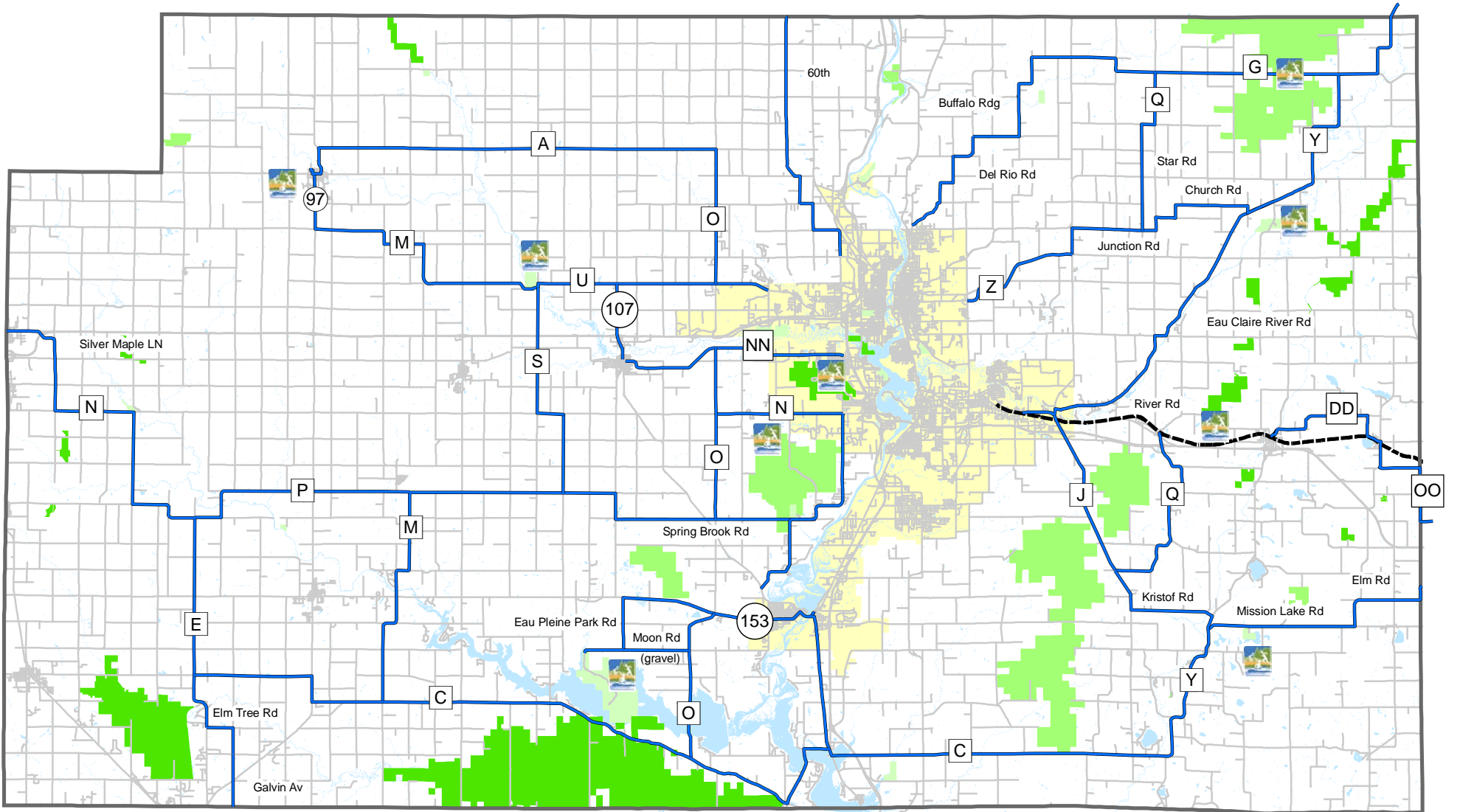
A. Project Update – Memorial benches – two memorial benches were installed, high bridge-Dells high-bridge has been re-decked, playground replacement-four playgrounds removed ready for replacement-Mission Lake, Bluegill Bay, Cherokee & Dells of Eau Claire, BEP road paving and toilet replacement-Big Eau Pleine road paving will take place the week of 10/3 with the assistance of the Highway Department, Big Eau Pleine vault toilet replacement will be completed on 10/3, cattle barn roofing-cattle barn #1 and #2 roofs are replaced, archery range-archery range remodel is complete, ice arena-one sheet of ice in Marathon Park is up and running and practices by the user groups have begun and boat/camper storage-boat and camper storage has started and will continue until the end of October.

8. Announcements

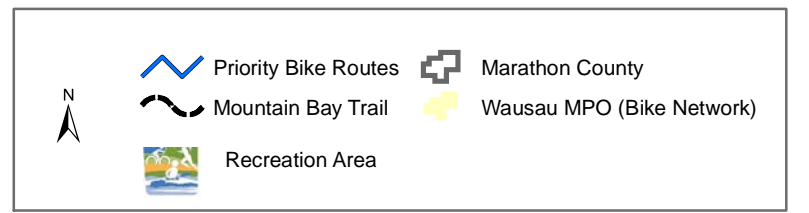
A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location–Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 10:30am, 212 River Drive, Room 5, Wausau, WI 54403 - Seefeldt may not be able to make the November meeting.

B. Future Agenda Items – Ordinance Updates

9. Adjourn - Motion by Herbst, second by Zagrzebski to adjourn the meeting at 12:15pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 7-0.



Marathon County Rural Bike Network



2022 Proposed Amendments to Chapter 19 of the County Code of Ordinances

19.04(2) *Cleaning and refuse.*

Washing. The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited in any lakes, streams or on any picnic grounds, playgrounds, beaches, recreation areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County park. The washing of persons, cooking utensils and clothing shall be permitted at designated campgrounds or at other authorized and posted locations.

(b) *Fish and game cleaning.* No person shall clean, butcher, scale or skin any fish, game, livestock or poultry in any County park except that fish may be cleaned at designated fish cleaning tables provided for such purposes. Refuse from such cleaning operations shall be suitably wrapped or packaged and deposited in the refuse containers provided for that purpose.

(c) *Refuse.*

1. No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, sewage, or other waste material upon any body of water or other area in any County park except in an appropriate solid waste or recycling container.

2. No person shall upset or turn over the contents of any solid waste or recycling container in any County park.

3. Charcoal residue or wood ash shall be left in a grate or fireplace until cool or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes.

4. No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial belongings or waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any County park.

(d) *Dispensing beverage.* No vendor shall dispense beverages in any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage at any outdoor fair, game, attraction, event, or public function. This prohibition does not apply to vendors at any of the above-listed activities serving sit-down meals where the beverage containers are washed and reused. All beverage vendors at any of the above-listed activities shall use recyclable beverage containers and provide adequate collection facilities for the recycling of all beverage containers so used.

19.05(1) *Vehicular traffic.*

(a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any County park or County trail unless governed by §7.125 of Marathon County Code of Ordinances.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in an abusive, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly manner under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, conduct which tends to disturb, annoy or endanger one or more persons because of unnecessary or deliberate spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing the horn, causing engine to backfire or causing vehicle while commencing to move or in motion to raise one or more of its wheels, tracks or skis off the ground or operate at an unreasonable or imprudent speed in any County park.

(c) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter, upon any bridle path, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.

(d) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in §340.01(58a), Wis. Stats., in any County park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Commission.

(e) No person shall operate an ATV or UTV as defined in §340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., in any County park, except on established paved roads.

(f) No other motorized vehicles other than an ATV or UTV shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property or County trail with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.

(g) No person may operate a motorized vehicle on County property when rules pertaining to the operation of motorized vehicles are posted by the Commission or its authorized agent.

19.08(4) *Hiking, walking, or running on groomed ski and snowshoe trails.* No person shall hike, walk or run on groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing or snowshoing unless in the case of an emergency or injury.

19.10(2) *Camping regulations.*

(a) *Camping prohibited.* Camping is prohibited in all County parks, except at designated campgrounds or other areas authorized by the Commission.

(b) *Designated campgrounds.* Designated campgrounds are those general and group campgrounds in Big Eau Pleine, Dells of the Eau Claire and Marathon Parks.

(c) *Camping permit.* No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in subsection 19.01(5)(a) of this chapter relating to fee or charge established by the Commission.

(d) *Camping limited, designated campgrounds.* No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a designated campground for a period greater than 14 consecutive days. The camping unit shall be removed from the property for at least seven days before being eligible to return.

- (e) *Campsite occupancy*. 1. No more than one camping party shall occupy a single campsite.
2. No camping party consisting of a non-family group shall exceed 5 persons.
- (f) *Campsite changes*. No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
- (g) *Camping permit expiration*. All camping permits expire at 3 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
- (h) *Camping permit extensions*. Extensions within the 14 day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions shall be obtained prior to 10 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.
- (i) *Campsite entry hours*. No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- (j) *Campsite parking*. No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than 2 motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite, except that as many as 5 motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a non-family group.
- (k) *Campsite reservations*. Campsite reservations will be accepted only for group campgrounds and designated campsites within a general campground.
- (l) *Camping party membership*. No person shall obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which he is not a member in a general campground.
- (m) *Campsite capacity*. No more than two sleeping units may occupy a campsite. Two units may consist of one travel trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home and one tent or two tents with no camper shall occupy a campsite. Pickup campers or motor homes towing a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.
- (n) *Camping contrary to posted notice*. No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Commission contrary to posted notice.
- (o) *Camping violations*. Violation of any state law or any rules of the Commission by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
- (p) *Campground quiet hours*. No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 19.03(3) of this chapter between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Beaches and shelters are closed after park hours except in cases of emergency.