

# **COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from February 8, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al Linscheid, Bret Barr, Dan Baker ,Gail Richgels, Gerry Riley, Jeremy Simplot, Kris Schoville, Laura Anderson, Tom Jenks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Al Kosharek

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Welsh, Park Manager  
Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager  
Stacey Hermansen, Offc Mngr/Board Clerk  
Carol Anderson, Iowa County  
Bradd Sims, WI Dept. of Natural Resources

Meeting notice was legally posted.

Meeting was called to order by Kris Schoville at 7:00 pm.

Public Input: Bradd Sims, the area biologist for the Dept. of Natural Resources came to talk about the options BHL has for spawning refugees in the springtime and modifying bag limits in order to improve size structure of the fish. He reported that a new biologist has been hired for Iowa County, so we will have to wait to address the issue through him. The refugee resolution would not be seen until the 2018 spring hearing for WIDNR. It would then be the spring of 2019 before refuges would be established if approved. Reasoning for refugees is to protect bluegill (or other species) spawning beds that are heavily fished for the large bulls. Bag limit changes would have to go through the same process. Justifications for improving quantity and size structure through genetic integrity and bag limits must be made before resolutions will be presented. Studies are taking place now to determine if bag limits do, in fact, impact size structure. The DNR will be stocking walleyes in BHL in 2017. They can request later shipment for larger fingerlings.

Minutes from December 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Gail Richgels to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report for December 2016, Year End 2016, and January 2017 was prepared by Stacey Hermansen. Motion by Al Linscheid, seconded by Bret Barr to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Grey Water Waste Amendment: Campers have been observed dumping grey water on campsites. The WI DNR has no rule regarding this. The Commission is requesting an amendment be made to the BHL regulations by Iowa County to prohibit grey water waste from being dumped anywhere except for the dump station. BHL also requested that there be citation authority granted for infractions. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Dan Baker to approve request to Iowa County. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lawn Mower Upgrade: Purchase price of new mower will be the same as last year (\$20,855) and minimum bid for sale of old mower should be set for \$10,500. Formal bid for new mower will be

reviewed at March meeting. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Dan Baker to approve sale and minimum price for old mower. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: Menards is drawing up plans for the new maintenance shed (approx. 40 ft. X 64 ft.). The burglar from last fall's break-in is going to court March 28<sup>th</sup>. BHL will verify list of losses to be added to restitution with District Attorney's office.

The next scheduled meeting will take place at the park office on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 pm. Motion for adjournment made by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Al Linscheid. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk