

Stock Farm Campground Meeting: Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2015 @ 9:30am

Recapped this summer's meeting.

- Operating costs: \$3,600 -\$5,400.00 for the Town of Chippewa
(Includes: hazard trees and grounds maintenance)
- Supplied sheets for Challenge Cautionary Plan
(Included Financial Plan)
- Forestry thought this is what would work best

Currently Federal is still collection fees (needs to send staff out to do that) (45% overhead costs would be retain from the Federal and anything above that the township would get. Looking at \$1,300-\$1,400.00 that would be given back to townships.

Process that would need to happen is a letter of intent would need to be sent to Federal if we are interested in taking it over. (No rush we have time to work these details out)

Things that would need to be done that would come along with a fee are: monthly water samples, bathroom clean up, visitor safety and garbage)

Before you can open your campground up you would need to check the water system, hazard tree inspection, accessing signage, road sides, bathroom, fire rings cleaned up. Campgrounds open from May 15 – Oct 17

When you are ready to shut the campground down for the season you would need to blow leaves out, shut down bathrooms, clean out garbage.

Water samples: you can use the health department if they do well testing or as long as they are state certified they can do the testing. History of Stock Farm's well is unknown but they aren't aware of any issues and they don't believe there were any bad samples.

Bob question: Can they (federal) give us free labor if they keep the fees? Forestry explained that they would need to retain 45% and give the township the rest. So no they would not give free labor.

Forestry is more maintenance than anything else. Biggest investment would be grounds and cleaning bathrooms.

Garbage is collected with Waste Management currently and the question was asked if they could go elsewhere and the answer is yes.

Campgrounds have a 750 gallon vault so they only need to pump once a year.

Enforcement would still come from forestry if someone doesn't pay.

- Options are to have someone walk around take down license plates so they can find out if they paid. People would need to use dates.
- Forestry can enforce after the fact as long as they have proof.

Day rates are locked in @ \$12.00/day. Based on amenities that campsites offer on determining what fees should be.

Forestry agreed to try this for 1 year and we need media on this. Need to agree on what is posted. Joint news release in March 2016 all media outlets. Option is to maybe to a dedication.

Townships aren't sure what taxes payers want.

3 Lakes has had positive feedback so they will be trying to make it a go.

Rybak pointed out that we are not just investing money for our area that we are helping area townships. Stock Farm would help out Town of Jacobs.

Forestry has to go through all sites and see if they are important to communities Forestry is continuing to look at all forestry grounds. They want to see how this year will work.

Equipment is an issue as the Town of Chippewa has no lawn mower and no federal equipment will be able to be used.

Towns would be able to see what is needed and they can hire out for mowing services.

*Experience works (Joanne Jacobson – Spooner) could maybe help to host employees and their labor wouldn't cost the Town anything. This program is for 55 years and older. For this program experience works pays workman's comp and wages and the towns supply equipment.

Someone from the forestry needs to meet with all boards.

Insurance & liability is not covered by forestry, that would be an expense to townships.

Frank will talk with the Town of Jacobs to see if they could provide mowing for Stock Farm.

Frame of what need to happen:

Copy of agreement

Experience Works info

Talk to Jacobs about helping out

Plan is to get together one more time then present to boards. They would be looking for a resolution from boards to forestry.

Should have Cautionary Plan to towns by December 18