

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2011
PLACE: J.P. Coughlin Building – Volunteer Room
625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh WI
8:30 a.m..
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom
Konetzke, Travis Swanson.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks
Dept., Tom Egan – Winnebago County Fair Assoc.

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of January 11, 2011 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the January 11, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve Mike Norton seconded. Change to Mike Norton’s time of arrival 8:40 a.m.. Travis Swanson abstained. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments – Tom Egan commented on the upcoming 2011-2015 Winnebago County Fair contract. He stated that the mix up in dates has been worked out. The new contract has been approved by the Fair Board. He would like to have the County operated Pepsi machines turned off during the event as the amount of revenue (though small)that the County derives from them could be subtracted from the amount of the grant that the County already gives the fair annually for operation. Rob Way stated that the last contract was approved by both the Parks and UWEX Committees. Jerry Finch stated that at the 2010 fair he noticed that the participants in the horse barns were removing the fire extinguishers. Mr. Egan invited committee members to the Fair Board’s walk through which takes place the 4th Thursday of the month before the fair at around 6:00 p.m..
4. Approve Submittal of DNR Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Bridge Re-development Grant Application – Rob way noted that the bridge re-development funding may or may not be needed for the installation of a box culvert to replace a deteriorating wooden bridge. He will talk to the DNR coordinator this week regarding the need. The other trail maintenance is the same as other years with the amount requested also remaining the same. Mike Norton asked that the amount granted in previous years be added to the resolution before going before the County Board. Mike Norton moved to approve the application. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
Chairman Finch called for a motion to move item 6 ahead of item 5. Tom Konetzke moved to have item 6 precede item 5. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Approval of `11 - `15 Winnebago County Fair Rental Agreement – Rob Way indicated that he had met with Tom Egan last week to discuss the upcoming five year agreement. Both agreed that there is a good working relationship between the parties. Tom Egan expressed appreciation to Loren Dieck Expo Operations Supervisor for “going above and beyond” to help out the fair. Mike Norton questioned if it was necessary for the UWEX committee to approve the contract as it is only for grounds rental. Travis Swanson agreed with Mr. Norton that this contract need only be approved by the Parks Committee. Mike Norton moved to approve the contract with the stipulation that it go directly to the County Board for approval bypassing the UWEX Committee. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approval of `11 - `14 Navigational Aids Maintenance Agreement w/ Radtke Contractors – Mike Norton moved to approve the maintenance agreement. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Approval of `11 - `15 Exclusive Beverage Agreement w/ Pepsi Cola General Bottlers, Inc. – Rob Way went over the differences between the new and old Pepsi agreements. The Parks Dept. stands to benefit much more from this contract. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the contract. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Parks Director's Updates: Selection of April Date for Dog Park input meeting. – Rob Way stated that a meeting for public input with the interested parties from the northern area of the county has been discussed and the previously approved date will not work for all parties. Jerry Finch suggested that an April 7 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Menasha Town Hall be scheduled. If the April 7 date does not work for those involved then a meeting on April 21 at the same time and place is to be considered.
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch asked about burning the prairies in the Park. Rob Way will again contact the City of Oshkosh fire chief to see if there has been any movement on this issue.
10. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton has spoken to the senior softball group regarding holding events at the park. He also asked that the Facebook page be updated weekly and if an outdoor fitness area could be added to the tennis court project for 2012. Tom Konetzke recommended that a walking trail for senior citizens would be a better used amenity than an outdoor fitness area.
11. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that a meeting will be taking place tomorrow morning with Tom Jenkins WDGA Tournament Coordinator on the disc golf tournament taking place June 4. Bob Lohry reported that parks caretaker Bob Kinderman will be off until at least March 1 after surgery.
12. Future Agenda Items: dog park meeting agenda
13. Next Meeting Date: March 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.m..
14. Adjournment: Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 10:05 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.