

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Commission,
Board or Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date & Time of Meeting: Monday February 8, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting: Coughlin Building (Mtg. Rm. B)
625 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Nancy Barker, Arlene Schmuhl, Tom Konetzke.
Also present: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, and Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Mark Harris – Winnebago County Executive.

1. Call to order - Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m..
2. Public Comments - none
3. Approval of Resolution Forming a Special Committee to Study Navigation Needs on the Winnebago Waterways – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve forming a committee to study navigation aid needs on the Winnebago System. Chairman Finch announced the proposed members of the sub committee that he has spoken with. These proposed members include: Sheriff Mike Brooks, Supervisor Arlene Schmuhl, Supervisor Nancy Barker, Dale Frank, Dave Peck, Brian Asendorf, Terry Schroeder, Capt. Jeff Garmen, Don Herman and Ryan Krings. Mike Norton moved to approve the formation of a sub committee comprised of the members noted to study the navigation needs of the Winnebago System in relation to the winter usage. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Chairman Finch noted that of the proposed sub committee members approximately half spoke in favor of lighting the 100 buoy year ‘round and have spoke against it at the last meeting. Rob Way will set up the first meeting date and time, the format will be the same as the ad hoc committee on beach programming with a chairman and a vice chairman. At the first meeting introductions and backgrounds will be discussed. Mike Norton questioned the August 31, 2010 completion date for recommendations from the sub committee. Rob Way responded that a date was needed for the resolution and that by that time if a winter program was to be implemented markers would have to be purchased. Rob stated that summer and winter operations will affect each other. A comprehensive overview of the system primarily accommodating winter activities is needed. Public comments will be on each agenda. Chairman Finch noted that no per diem is given for Supervisor sub committee members.
4. Approval of Resolution Allowing Winter Maintenance of the Buoy 100 Pending Future County Board Action on the Status of the Marker – Mike Norton moved to approve the resolution allowing for winter maintenance of buoy 100 pending future county board action. Arlene Schmuhl seconded. Mark Harris suggested an amendment to the resolution stating the County will ‘make a reasonable effort to’ maintain the 100 buoy during the winter months. Mike Norton moved to amend the resolution as suggested. Arlene Schmuhl seconded. Nancy Barker questioned who will be checking to see if the light is lit? Rob Way stated that if it is after hours and someone notices that the marker is not lit they can call the Sheriff’s Dept. and the Sheriff’s Dept. is able to call the contractor to repair the buoy. However winter access in the hover craft is difficult, the water must be completely calm with no wind. The weather will therefore play a part in how long it takes to

get the marker relit if it goes out. Amendment carried 5-0. Resolution as amended carried 5-0.

5. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 2:37 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.