

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: March 8, 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,
Larry and Debra Last – citizens of Winnebago County

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of February 7, 2011 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the 2/7/11 meeting minutes. Mike Norton moved to approve. Don Miller seconded. Tom Konetzke wished to clarify a statement that he made under item #10 stating that he did not disapprove of outdoor fitness equipment but thought that a walking trail would provide more immediate use. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Approve Submittal of DNR Grant Application for Lake Butte des Mort Boat Landing Shorewall Rehab and Authorize Commitment of Subsequent Grant Award Funds towards Implementation of the Project – Rob Way went over the outline of the application. The project is estimated to cost \$205,000.00 to replace the remaining shorewall at BDM boat landing. There is money in the boat trailer parking permit account to pay for the replacement. The percentage of the grant may be lower than 50%. Mike Norton moved to approve the application and authorize commitment of the grant award towards implementation of the project. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Outline for April 7th North County Dog Park Public Input Meeting – Rob Way went over the outline for the meeting agenda included in members' packets and passed out a draft of a press release for the meeting. He will also be putting together a survey for attendees to fill out at the meeting. He will email the draft survey to committee members for comment.
6. Parks Director's Updates: Update on Boat Landings Porta John Facilities – Rob Way stated that due to significant damage to port o potties at the Asylum Point boat landing a port o potty will not be included in the bid for this year at this time. It may be added later if absolutely necessary. Most damages that occur to port o potties at the boat landings are tip overs but this landing has seen 2 destroyed in the past 2 years. The new bid requires that all of the port o potties be handicapped accessible with additional regular ones if needed on site. The Sheriff's Dept. may be asked to increase their presence during the opening of boating/fishing season to help prevent damage to the port o potties. Rob Way also reported that the City of Oshkosh parks department is looking at putting in prairie which will need burning in the future. The city parks will approach the OFD chief on this issue. Rob Way looks forward to joining in on those discussions.
7. Committee Chairman's Updates: none

8. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked if there were any informal or formal meetings with department heads or staff on money saving ideas. Vicky Redlin went over the Sustainability Committee (of which she is a member) and its mission for saving energy, products, and other items. This committee will be directly under the County Executive and has started distributing information via the green button on the intranet as well as Wavelength articles, an intern studying the various departments, and a Focus on Energy study benchmarking county buildings. More info on this committee and its mission will be released next month. Don Miller questioned the return of Bob Kinderman who is undergoing medical rehab and may be out another 4 to 6 weeks.
9. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin informed the committee that the Parks Department will be benefiting from the raffle that is taking place at the Fox Valley Open Disc Golf Tournament to be held at the Community Park June 4, 2011. It is the practice of the tournament to return funds to the course as much as possible. Vicky requested that the committee members obtain raffle items if possible to increase the amount of prizes that are available. The Parks Dept. is not officially sanctioning the tournament but is to benefit from it. Bob Lohry is monitoring the water level at Eureka which is high.
10. Future Agenda Items: New ADA Standards for motorized vehicles on trails
11. Next Meeting Date – April 7, 2011 North Area Dog Park Meeting, April 12, 2011 regular parks committee meeting.
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.