

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: April 12, 2010
PLACE: J.P. Coughlin Building – Volunteer Room
625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh WI
2:00 p.m..
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Nancy Barker, Tom Konetzke, Arlene Schmuhl.
ALSO PRESENT: Bob Lohry, Loren Dieck, Kim Weisner, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept.

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 2:00 p.m..
2. Approval of March 1, 2010 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the March 1, 2010 meeting minutes. Arlene Schmuhl moved to approve the 3/1/10 minutes. Nancy Barker seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Arlene Schmuhl made mention that Discover WI will film here some time during the year for airing in February.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Parks Department Facebook Presentation – Kim Weisner presented the Parks Dept. Facebook page and gave a description of how it works. She encouraged members to help spread the word about our Facebook account.
5. Report on GIS Internship Position – Loren Dieck gave an overview of the new unpaid GIS intern position within the Parks Dept.. This position will be for the summer season. Jerry Finch asked that permission in writing from HR be obtained so that there are no issues over the position. This item will be on next month's agenda in case there are any other questions.
6. Coordination of DNR/Parks Dept. Improvement Projects at Asylum Point Facilities – Bob Lohry gave a presentation of the proposed improvements. The joint project will include \$5,000.00 in riprap around the east end of the island beneath the lighthouse. The \$5,000.00 investment by the County will be reimbursed. It was the consensus of the Committee to go ahead with the joint project.
7. North County Dog Park – Chairman Finch included this item with his Chairman's Update. He reported that he has been contacted by a property owner who would sell the County an approximate 5 acre property with cell tower for \$100,000.00 over 5 years. After the debt is paid the County would receive the \$5,000.00 rental for the cell tower. It is his intent to approach the surrounding towns and cities to help with the cost. A map of the area was provided. Mr. Finch would like to have Corp. Counsel take a look the cell tower agreement to make certain that it is transferable and give direction on a possible contract for sale of the property. The property will need a parking lot, a fence perimeter, some trail development, signage, trees, and possible lighting. The cell tower must remain accessible 24 hours a day. Further investigation is warranted as well as an appraisal of the property and reciprocal agreement with surrounding municipalities. Tom Konetzke moved to direct the Parks Director to look into the property for a future dog park. Nancy Barker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation for Programming of Community Park Pond #1 – Mike Norton Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee gave an overview of the committee's findings. Tom Konetzke who was a member of the committee stated that it was a very difficult decision to make. Mike Norton moved to accept the ad hoc committee findings of discontinuing swim programming and to move the issue forward to the County Board. Nancy Barker seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Arlene Schmuhl opposed.
9. Parks Director's Updates: none
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: see #7 above
11. Committee Members Updates: Arlene Schmuhl reported on the first meeting of the Winter Navigation Aids Special Committee. The next meeting will be April 21 at 6:30pm at the Expo Center Expo Bldg. South Wing. The agenda for this meeting will be whether we should be doing any sort of winter navigation system at all. She also thanked the Committee for their support over the time she has been as member. Nancy Barker stated that she attended a meeting today with Executive Harris and 7 members of the US Coast Guard with the East Central Planning Commission regarding the Coast Guard taking over navigational aids throughout the Winnebago System. It was brought up that the WDNR now has jurisdiction over navigation aids and a contact at the WDNR was being sought.
12. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin handed out posters for members to put up regarding the upcoming Winnebago County Wide Rummage Sale, she also stated that the State Historical Society as accepted the Asylum Point Lighthouse as a candidate for the National Historic Registry. Arlene Schmuhl will seek out information on the application for the registry and get it to Vicky. Ms. Redlin also stated that there is a contract in place for Lifest for 2011 as their current 5 year contract ends this year. We will be entering into negotiations for another 5 year contract if Lifest chooses to do so. Also the outside Expo grounds will officially open May 1. Bob Lohry reported that the commemorative bench is in the parks shop. The Poygan Boat Landing is done except for the dock. Loren Dieck stated that the GIS intern may be starting in May.
13. Future Agenda Items – intern input/questions, winter nav. aids committee, bench, HR written response on intern, north dog park contract review by corp counsel.
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy Barker moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:33 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.