

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 3, 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, Tom Konetzke, Don Miller, Travis Swanson.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Bob Lohry, Loren Dieck, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept.

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m..
2. Approval of April 12, 2010 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the April 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve, Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Travis Swanson abstained.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Endorsement of DNR Land Management Plan - Picnic Point Property - Rob Way provided an overview of the Picnic Point project and the Picnic Point Ad Hoc Committee. As per the hand out included in members' packets the item of interest for the County is the item "Management of Adjoining County Land". The agreement will state that development will be co-operative between the Parks Dept. and the DNR. This document was devised by the Picnic Point Ad Hoc committee of which Rob Way, Nancy Barker and other County and DNR officials were members. Tom Konetzke moved to endorse the plan. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. RC Boater Ordinance Change – Rob Way explained the need to address the ordinance in regard to times when RC boaters are allowed to operate within the Community Park. He also stated that he has talked to the RC Boater Club that has a permit to use Lake #2 and the times stated in the ordinance change are fine with them. This puts the RC Boaters and RC Airplanes on the same schedule as per ordinance. Mike Norton moved to approve the ordinance change. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
6. North County Dog Park - Rob Way gave an update on the negotiations for a north county dog park. The current cell tower contract is being looked over by Corp. Counsel. Rob will be contacting other area municipalities to see if they are willing to co-operate on purchase and maintenance of the site. Jerry Finch gave an overview of the initiative for the project and the proposed agreement with the landowner. One adjacent home owner is opposed to the plan due to increased traffic. There is additional Hwy. owned property along the CB trail that may be made available for use as well. Twenty four hour road access must be maintained to the cell tower on the site. Fencing for the area is estimated at \$28,000.00. An appraisal must be made and inquiries on DNR grants looked into as some of the initial steps in the process. Rob Way will contact the DNR and area municipalities to get input.
7. Determine Date of Annual Parks Tour and Trail Bench Dedication – Jerry Finch gave an overview of the commemorative bench project with the town of Clayton. The spot for the bench was picked out last Friday and is the location where a scene from the movie took

- place. Additional discussion of the addition of a kiosk with information took place. Mike Norton moved to approve the location of the bench. Tom Konezke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Determine Date of Annual Parks Tour and Trail Bench Dedication – 8:30 a.m. May 27 meet at Coughlin for tour. Bench dedication to take place at the site between 10:30am and 11:00 am.
 9. Selection of Day and Time for Monthly Parks Committee Meetings – 8:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting June 8, 2010.
 10. Parks Director's Updates: Winter Nav. Aids Special Committee & Breezewood Property & Soccer Field Related Subjects – Rob Way reported on the second Winter Nav. Aids Special committee meeting on 4/21/10. He also gave an update on the Breezewood Property stating that the Health Dept. had been through the building and it is now sealed off. He will be looking into asbestos abatement companies to look at the building and also a possible Brownfield Site Assessment grant from the State. Rob also reported that there have been some unknown groups using the soccer fields early this season that have torn up the grass. He is looking into a leasing situation with the established soccer clubs to help police the fields while keeping some open for recreational play
 11. Committee Chairman's Updates: - Chairman Finch reported that he will look for sponsor support for a future north county dog park with committee approval if and when the time comes to negotiate the purchase of a site.
 12. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton questioned if a concessionaire will be in the park this summer. Rob has been negotiating with a potential concessionaire but will contact her to see if she is still interested in a temporary booth located nearer the baseball fields. The sale of alcohol could also leave the county open to some liability so that must also be discussed.
 13. Staff Updates: - Vicky Redlin reported on the upcoming Winnebago County Wide rummage sale on May 29. If help is needed to staff the Parks booth or the entry booth she will let committee members know. Loren Dieck stated that the GIS intern should be starting in mid to late May. Bob Lohry demonstrated the new LED navigation light.
 14. Future Agenda Items: North County Dog Park, photos of movie shooting on trail, photo for Parks ID, Brownfield Grant, alcohol sales in Park.
 15. Next Meeting Date – June 8, 2010 at 8:30 am
 16. Adjournment - Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.