

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 13, 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, Travis Swanson. Excused – Don Miller.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept. Jeff Lemiesz – Impact Motorsports.

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of June 8, 2010 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 8, 2010 meeting. Travis Swanson moved to approve the minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. With correction of the typo 4 lines up from the bottom on the first page, deleting the work ‘they’. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments – Jeff Lemiesz from Impact Motorsports updated the Committee on the current racing season. He also stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Patek and Mr. Rabe from the City of Oshkosh Public Works Department regarding the city’s storm water retention fee that is applied to the clay surface of the race track and pit areas. After meeting with these gentlemen the city decided that the clay is a pervious surface and the fee amount for the grandstand/race track/pit area will be reduced appropriately. Jeff inquired about an adjustment for the gravel surfaces that are considered impervious but was told that the city goes by the WDNR designation of a gravel surface to be impervious and therefore ineligible for a reduction in the storm water fee. Rob Way stated that a new 3 year contract with the race promoters is in the works and after it is approved by the County Executive the Committee will have a chance to review it. In the new contract the storm water fees will be added as per the reduction from the city. It may be necessary to have a special meeting to approve the race track contract before the next regularly scheduled committee meeting in order to get the contract to the county board for approval before the racing season ends.
4. Acceptance of Poker on the Fox Inc. Donation designated to assist in the purchase and maintenance of the County’s Boater Navigational Aids Program – Rob Way presented the info provided by the organizers of this event. They are a legitimate 501(C) (3) organization and it is their desire to donate 40% of the profits from this year’s event towards the navigation aids program for the County. At this time Rob introduced the new LED light that he is recommending be used on all the buoys in the future. They are brighter and less expensive to maintain. The monies donated from this event might be able to be used to begin a program of retrofitting the lighted buoys to LED lights. The buoy maintenance contractor is being consulted in order to determine if this will be possible. The cost per buoy is approximately \$900.00 with another \$400.00 required for retrofitting. The plan may eventually be to begin this “change-over program” with or without the monies from this organization albeit at a slower pace. The letter of intent supplied by the organization must be rewritten to address the specifications of the program proposed. Mike Norton moved to approve the donation of 40% of the proceeds from the Poker Run event for the navigation aids program under the conditions that the letter of intent is rewritten to Rob Way’s specifications and the county board approves the donation via resolution. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Acceptance of NEWQHA Donation designated to go towards replenishing the Base Material within the Expo Center Covered Arena - pulled
6. Approval of Winter Navigational Aids Special Committee’s Recommendation to not establish any Winter Navigational Aids Program – Rob Way noted the minutes from the special committee included in

Committee members' packets. It is chairman Finch's intention to have former Supervisor Arlene Schmuhl present the findings of the special committee to the County Board as she was the chairperson of the committee. Tom Konezke moved to approve the special committee's recommendation. It was pointed-out that the motion did not need to go in front of the County Board for approval since the action essentially re-confirms the status quo. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Establishment of Boater Navigation Aids Practices Requiring the following:
 - a. Specified Light Array to be utilized atop Buoy 100 shall be a Marine Lantern with up to 3 Nautical Mile Range
 - b. Seasonal Activation & Deactivation of Buoy 100 LanternRob Way requested a vote of recognition for the operation of Buoy 100 and its light in response to the special committee's recommendation. Tom Konezke moved to recognize that the Buoy 100 marker shall be lit only during the months of summer navigation season and disconnected during the winter months. Said light shall be a 3 mile LED light. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Discussion regarding Oshkosh's Special Events Ordinance – Rob Way went over his discussion with the city attorney regarding the new ordinance. A copy of an email sent to the County Executive regarding the ordinance was provided in committee members' packets. Not much will change for the events taking place on Parks properties as we already have specifications in our contracts regarding the need for the event promoter to obtain all permits necessary from the city and contracts also state the need for security, food safety, and other necessary permits.
It is likely that the following events may need to address the City's Event Permit requirement: Lifest, two of the three Hmong Soccer Festivals and possibly Deerfest.
9. Parks Director's Updates: Racetrack Contract – as noted in item #3.
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: - the chairman indicated that in conjunction with a recent observation he made regarding the potential north county dog park site, he feels that the Cty. Rd. CB location is untenable due to permanent housing surrounding the site. In addition, the eastern section of the Gladfelter property that once looked to have some potential can no longer be considered because of its wetland designation as confirmed by LWCD.
11. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton asked for future discussion of a concession contract for the park using the template from the city. Tom Konezke asked if any other areas were under consideration for a north dog park. No not at this time.
12. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin updated the committee on Lifest, Deer Fest, and Autumn Fest.
13. Future Agenda Items:- race track contract, NEWQHA donation.
14. Next Meeting Date – possible special meeting 8:30 a.m. on either July 20 or 22. Regular meeting August 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m..
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konezke moved to adjourn. Travis Swanson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 10:23 a.m..

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