

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2010
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 Konezke. Excused – Travis Swanson.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks Dept.

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of August 24, 2010 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the Aug. 24, 2010 meeting minutes. Tom Konezke moved to approve. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Update on Dog Park Property Investigations – Rob Way updated the committee on locations in the Town of Menasha that display some of the characteristics that would make them viable for consideration in being used as a dog park facility. He also gave a report on police contacts with the Kaukauna dog park as well as the Outagamie County dog park. The number of annual contacts did not seem excess for either facility. Chairman Finch provided input on a tour of the proposed sites that he had taken with the County Parks Director and a Town of Menasha representative. He proceeded to describe each of the locations and indicate the positive and negative points associated with them. Rob Way notified the committee that he has requested a report from the City of Oshkosh Police Dept. on police calls to the Winnebago County Community Park dog park. He will provide members with the information once it becomes available. Later this week he will be meeting with local Parks & Recreation Directors in order to tour the same properties that Chairman Finch had described.
5. Discussion on the need to modify Parks Ordinance 19.17 pertaining to the handling of Firearms on Parks Properties – Rob Way explained the need to address changes to the current ordinance in light of a request from a shelter renter to have a military memorial service done within the park. There is also a need to address the issue for events at the Expo. The Committee is receptive to altering the current ordinance to provide for new developments within the Park and Expo. Rob will talk with Corp. Counsel on rewording the ordinance and report back to the committee for possible approval at the next regular meeting.
6. Accept \$1,783 EAA Donation – Rob Way explained that the donation from the EAA comes after their use of the Park and Expo for camping during this year's AirAdventure event. This was an impromptu use due to the fact their grounds were unusable because of flooding. Rob Way went on to note that he had asked the EAA representative what the status was regarding the acceptance of the donations by the other parties that had provided similar support. He was subsequently informed that up to that point all had declined the donation offered to them. The amount of the donation is less \$217.00 for payment for sweeping of

the pavement at the Expo. Mike Norton stated that he would like the donation to be designated to a specific asset within the parks. A formal letter from EAA designating the direction of the donation would be needed. Chairman Finch requested Rob Way contact EAA to see if such a designation is possible. Mike Norton made a motion to accept the donation with a designation and then withdrew the motion until more info is received. During the tour (#7) Rob Way contacted the above and an email from EAA was subsequently sent designate that the donation amount should be applied to the Winnebago County Disc Golf Course. The donation acceptance will then go to the P&F committee if approved. Mike Norton moved to accept the \$1,783.00 from EAA designated to the disc golf course. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Recess meeting for brief tour of Coughlin Natural Area property with intent to reconvene at between 9:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. – Chairman Finch called for a motion to recess for tour. Tom Konetzke moved to recess. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried. Meeting recessed 9:25 a.m..
8. Reconvene meeting in Volunteer Room at approximately 9:15 a.m. – Chairman Finch called for a motion to reconvene. Tom Konetzke moved to reconvene. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened 9:40 a.m..
9. Parks Director's Updates: Rob Way gave a report on the annual Hmong Labor Day event.
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: none
11. Committee Member's Updates: Tom Konetzke appreciates the work being done to try to establish a north county area dog park.
12. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin will have a final report on Autumn Fest 2010 for the next meeting. Bob Lohry stated that 5 additional baskets have been installed at the disc golf course.
13. Future Agenda Items: disc golf tournament possibilities, gun ordinance, dog park update and tour, Lifest meeting for November, Autumn Fest report
14. Next Meeting Date- Oct. 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m..
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m..