

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: July 6, 2009
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 -
(arrived 2:10 p.m.), Tom Konetzke, Arlene Schmuhl.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks

- 1.) Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 2:03 p.m.
- 2.) Approval of June 8, 2009 Minutes – Arlene Schmuhl moved to approve the June 8, 2009 minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3.) Approval to Proceed in Joint Planning Effort with the DNR for Development of a Picnic Point/Asylum Point Park Management Plan – Rob Way gave an overview of the recent committee meeting for this project. Past meeting minutes and public comment is included in committee member's packets. The county owned area in question is currently used for passive recreation. The county must decide what its role will be in the project. There are numerous sub-committees in place within the group involved with the project. Right now the plan has still not been formalized therefore the county must decide if this is to be a joint project with the DNR and others involved. Chairman Finch appointed Arlene Schmuhl to attend future committee meetings as a representative of the Parks Committee. Discussion followed as to current county ordinances and those to possible be adopted as part of the management program. A future resolution will be needed to go ahead with a joint project and adopt a management plan. This issue will be an item for discussion on future agendas for updates. Rob will pass on the minutes he has from past meetings of the committee to Parks Committee members via email. Once he receives the current minutes he will pass these along also. Rob will also get a list of the current committee members. A resolution will be brought in at a future meeting to approve a joint project.
- 4.) Approval for Parks to take Possession of 1 Acre Lot at Breezewood/WIOWASH Intersection to better Facilitate Trail Parking – A map of the area is included in member's packets. Rob Way started out by mentioning that the County Treasurer had informed him that the county now owns the property in question due to foreclosure on back taxes. The current lot situated across the road at Breezewood is small and can only accommodate approximately 3 to 4 cars. Adding this parcel will help accommodate more parking in the future for increased trail usage. The Township, in informal talks, stated that they are not interested in the parcel. The current building and well on the site will have to be addressed some time in the future though there is no immediate need to do so. Some cost will be budgeted in

- the future for tear down of the building and abandonment of the well. It has been determined that the Parks Dept. will be charged for back taxes on the property of \$5,881.79. Demolition and development of the site would be approached in phases. Rob Way indicated that he would inquire with Corp Counsel if this matter would have to go in front of the County Board for approval. Mike Norton moved to approve the land acquisition with the stipulation that the Parks Dept. asks for an exemption for the back taxes owed. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5.) Update on Proposed 2010 Parks Budget – Rob Way provided an update on the proposed 2010 Parks Budget. Operation needs will need to be finalized before any capital improvement funds can be determined. The Service Center would cease operation as a staffed facility for 2010. Other options are being discussed with staff on future use of the Service Center/Beach House building and the swimming lake. These options will be reported to the committee in August.
 - 6.) Parks Director's updates: Commemorative Bench – Parks/Expo Marketing Video, Horse Refuse Issue – The bench project has been brought to the attention of the Town of Clayton for partnering. They will be bringing it to their committee and get back to us. Rob has gotten a name from UWEX of someone at UW Fox Valley who may be interested in helping out with a marketing video. The addresses of the properties adjoining the WIOWASH trail that have given themselves trail access have been gathered. A phone call regarding the horse refuse issue will be made to each with a letter to follow up.
 - 7.) Committee Chairman's updates: Chairman Finch asked if there is a volunteer group in the area that is patrolling the boat landings regarding VHS and other invasive species. Rob will contact the DNR who is doing a program in this area to check if it is still on-going.
 - 8.) Committee Member's updates: Arlene Schmuhl requested info on disc golf sponsorship. Vicky Redlin provided an overview. Nancy Barker questioned if a banner program has been investigated. It has. She also asked if any fair parking issues have been settled. There is a meeting scheduled with the highway dept. for July 14 at 9am for the fair. Tom Egan has been made aware of the meeting. Mike Norton asked about Lifest passes and whether there is going to be a booth at the fair. He also complimented the Parks Dept. on the upkeep of the softball diamonds in the Community Park. Lifest passes will be available from the Parks Office; Rob will mail them to those who request it. The county provides a booth at the fair for all departments to share. The Parks Dept. has used this booth space for many years.
 - 9.) Staff Updates: Community Park North Berms – inmates are working on smoothing and removing rocks from the berms to prepare for seeding. The prairie seed may still be available to plant this year. Final grading is being done with Parks Committee equipment and staff.

- 10.) Future Agenda Items – bench, video, picnic point, proposed 2010 Parks Budget, Service Center options, park and expo tour August 3.
- 11.) Next Meeting Date – August 3, 2009 at 2pm, Sept. meeting will be August 31, 2009 at 2pm.
- 12.) Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.