

## PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Commission,

Board or Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

Place of Meeting: Coughlin Building (Volunteer Room)  
625 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Nancy Barker, Arlene Schmuhl, Tom Konetzke.

Also present: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Loren Dieck, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks,  
Donna Lohry – citizen.

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 2:00 p.m.
2. Approval of October 5, 2009 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the October 5, 2009 meeting minutes. Arlene Schmuhl moved to approve the 10/05/09 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments – None
4. Resolution Recognizing Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Recommendation on Future Programming of the Community Park Beach – Rob Way explained that as per Corporation Counsel the County Board Chairman designates the members of any ad hoc committee. Department heads are not usually included as a committee member of an ad hoc committee but as a facilitator. Chairman Finch will contact the County Board Chairman to discuss who to designate for the ad hoc committee. This resolution will go to the full County Board for approval on 11/10/09 without committee members listed. Mike Norton moved to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee for future beach programming. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Resolution to Prohibit the Presence of RC Model Aircraft on Parks Properties – Rob Way explained the need for regulating the use of RC aircraft in the park as there has been an increase in such users of the park recently. Since the RC Flyer Club moved their facility from the Expo property several years ago there is no regulated place for flying RC aircraft. Dangers exist for other park users due to crossed RC signals with the RC boaters and potentially novice flyers using the park. Rob will bring a revised resolution back to the next meeting designating an area east of the soccer complex for RC aircraft with restricted hours for use. He has spoken to the soccer groups and they are on board with such use with hours restricted to those when the soccer complex is not in use by a designated group. An exception for large scale events will be considered and the addition of written permission for RC planes and fireworks will be added to the revised resolution to conform to current policy. 2:20pm Nancy Barker arrived.
6. Commemorative Trail Bench – Discussion of Wording Options – suggestions for an addition to the bench were discussed i.e. a granite marker, or a kiosk or sign. Tom Konetzke read the bench wording that he had come up with. Mike Norton moved to approve the wording from Tom Konetzke for engraving on the bench. Arlene Schmuhl seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Options for another type of marker will be discussed at a later date. Rob will get pricing for a granite marker, sign, and kiosk to present to the Committee at the next meeting. The Town of Clayton must also approve the wording for the bench before it is ordered.
7. Computer Software Update – Rob Way reported that the IS department is doing an upgrade of the County website. Consequently they will be sending a questionnaire to all departments to discuss website needs. Mike Norton asked that Rob check with IS to see if it is possible to set up a Parks Facebook page and report back at the next meeting. He is also to check on the County's policy on social networking sites for advertising services.

8. Budget Transfer Regarding Acceptance of a Capital Equipment Item Change within the Parks '10 Budget. – Rob Way explained that a change if item is being done but the amount stays the same. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the transfer. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Parks Director's Updates: Upcoming Seasonal Changes Affecting Parks Facilities – Rob Way reported that the south entrance to the park will close for the season on Nov. 30. At that time some lights will be shut off as well and there will be two way traffic into the dog park from the north entrance. Cross country ski trails will be groomed by Bob Kinderman this winter when he is available. The boat landings are plowed only as needed.

10. Committee Chairman's Updates: none

11. Committee Member's Updates: Arlene Schmuhl stated that she will be hearing from Discover WI in the next week or so about doing a segment on Winnebago County for the show. Mike Norton would like to discuss infrastructure and accessibility issues during next month's meeting. Nancy Barker stated that Menasha is purchasing a new security camera for their bridge.

12. Staff Updates: Bob Lohry stated that some tree trimming was done on the south trail but he didn't know by whom. Rob Way informed him that the Green Lake Snowmobile Club did the tree trimming on the south trail. Rob will be gone to the WPRRA convention for the rest of this week.

13. Future Agenda Items: Examination of Future Infrastructure Needs, Accessibility issues for future infrastructure, County's social networking policy and the possibility of a Facebook page for the Parks Dept., pricing for marker, kiosk and sign for trail, revised RC aircraft resolution.

14. Next Meeting Date- December 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Nancy Barker seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
Assistant Expo Mgr.