

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: April 2, 2015 @ 3:45 p.m.

PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm. B
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

PRESENT: Parks Com. – Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke, Brady Kiel. Absent - Guy Hegg.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Larry Lautenschlager district #19 – Winnebago County Board, Jeff Lemiesz – Impact Motorsports LLC.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2015 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the minutes. Brady Kiel seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Boat Landing Parking Permit – Disabled Veteran’s Discount – Since the gentleman who brought the issue up with the Parks Director is not in attendance this item will be put on next month’s agenda for a final time.
5. Discussion of Ideas to Increase Activities in the Community Park – Vicky Redlin discussed some ideas that she is working on to possibly hold in the park once the road and path are finished, including, an archery shoot, and glow run/walk/roll. There will be a bean bag toss game installed at Shelter #1 and park pong table at the pavilion, both will be advertised on the web site and in the newsletter. Mike Norton stated that ORD may be looking for a place to hold a bean bag toss league. It was suggested that Rob get in touch with ORD to convey interest in perhaps holding the program in the county park.
6. Approval of Soda Creek Estates’ Pathway Construction Easement into Community Park – Due to a change in the arrangements for recognizing the establishment of the Soda Creek Estates’ pathway, it has been determined that the developer is not actually making a donation but is instead following the edict of the City – Developers Agreement drawn-up between the holding company and the City of Oshkosh. The transaction will now only be recognized via the granting of a temporary construction easement. Once it is approved by the county board it will be officially in place. The easement is for construction only and will terminated once the path has been installed. It was suggested that signage be put in place on the development side forbidding motorcycles and mopeds from using the path to access the park. Bollards can also be put in place at the start of the path onto park property so only pedestrians and bicyclists and their ADA counterparts could have access. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the change from donation to construction easement. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Generation of Revenue Achieved through Implementation of User Fee Program(s) within the Community Park – Chairman Finch stated that this issue is on the agenda due to discussion that was brought up at the county board budget meetings. Research that has been done for previous attempts at user fees was included in committee member’s packets for other facilities in the area. Mike Norton stated that the enforcement of any fees would probably be more than the amount received. Discussion both pro and con ensued. For the August meeting committee members would like to have the cost to implement a user fee plus the costs to maintain each facility. Rob noted that Finance is finally allowing accounts payable to reflect individual facility costs on a limited basis, so numbers can be gained with comparisons available after another year.
8. Update on Drafting of Impact Motorsports Rental Agreement – Rob stated that as an FYI to committee members the status of talks regarding a new multi-year agreement with

- Impact Motorsports are encountering divergence. The newly approved fee structure states that “negotiation takes place for non-motorized events only” when contracting for the grandstand complex area. As this will be a multi-year contract it will have to be approved by the committee and at that time if the committee is inclined to make changes then it may take that advantage of that opportunity to do so. Rob also noted that the new contract will reflect the board approved 2.5% price increase annually. He then reiterated that outside of when the agreement goes in front of the committee for approval, there can be no secondary discussions held with the promoters akin to negotiations. It is expected that the rental agreement will be ready to bring before the committee in May.
9. Parks Director’s Updates: WPRA Spring Workshop, Update on Termination of Easement for City of Oshkosh Portion of WIUWASH Trail, OYSC Fundraising for Soccer Adm. Building, Alcohol Sales within the Community Park – Osh. City Attorney Input, Outdoor Horse Arena Update.- Rob provided an update on the WPRA spring workshop he attended. Workshops included Act 10 repercussions, wage structures, and online safety training. The committee would like an update on the progress of the pay for performance program from HR. Rob stated that the easement abandonment to the city of the trail behind the cemetery is moving along however it has been determined that DNR permits must be taken out in order to address the work. There are a couple of areas that the Hwy. Dept. will be repairing prior to terminating the MOA. Regarding the OYSC fundraising update, Rob made it know that he had not had chance to talk to the OYSC representative yet and that he would do so before the next meeting. Alcohol sales in the park are only allowed by a non-profit organization and cannot be a mobile operation. The RFP for park concessionaire is going out next week so the alcohol provision will have to be removed. The outdoor arena may have drain tiles underneath. Tom has found old prints and they show it and he has also dug down and found clear rock.
 10. Committee Chairman’s Updates: Chairman Finch stated that he is giving up on the Glatfelter property as the DNR will not allow the site to go unmonitored. He is looking at other site possibilities for a northern area dog park and has a potential contact on some of these sites. The Park Tour is coming up and committee members are asked to bring in a couple of dates that they would be available for May into June. Mike Norton suggested that once a date is decided upon it may be a good idea to invite our State legislators along.
 11. Committee Member’s Updates: Mike Norton stated that the stewardship fund wording had been taken out of the resolution regarding opposition to the governor’s budget by the legislative committee. He will be moving to restore that wording on the board floor. Mike also asked if the baseball diamonds will be rolled and aerated prior to the end of April. Brady Kiel reported that the Trestle Trail donations for finishing the trail are going very well. He also asked if it is possible to look at Arrowhead Park for a smaller north area dog park. Tom Konetzke asked for clarification on the motorsports contract negotiations. Rob explained that as per ordinance the committee cannot be involved in any negotiations and that such negotiations are for non-motorsports events only.
 12. Staff Updates: Vicky reported that the Department has won another award from the OCVB for Partnership in Tourism. The Spring survey questions are being finalized on Tuesday with ECWPC and funding for compiling results has been approved by them.
 13. Future Agenda Items: Disabled Vet Discount on boat launch permit parking fees, bean bag toss league use by ORD, pay for performance update from HR, OYSC fundraising update, Park Tour dates & legislator invite.
 14. Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2015 at 3:45 p.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 5:30 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin - Program Manager