

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: May 7, 2015 @ 3:45 p.m.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Jeff Lemiesz – Impact Motorsports LLC.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2015 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Public Comments – Jeff Lemiesz stated that he is present to answer any questions regarding the Impact Motorsports contract.
4. Update on Drafting of Impact Motorsports Rental Agreement – Rob Way stated that the committee was given the contract with a 1 year term due to new information from other tracks which was obtained via an enquiry requested by Chairman Finch. Previously there has been little or no response from other tracks around the state when questioned regarding their contract operations. This enquiry produced 4 replies, three of which warrant further investigation to verify with sources and compare facilities. Therefore, it is prudent to extend the current lease for only 1 year until these details can be thoroughly investigated. Jeff Lemiesz stated that there were track operators that contacted him to seek permission to reply to the county's enquiry. He stated that he replied to these operators in the affirmative. Chairman Finch stated that he is in favor of a single year term to gain time for collecting information. Tom Konetzke concurred. The only changes to the lease term for 2016 will be the actual 'term' and under utilities the county will take over paying for the sewer and water. The track will continue to be responsible for storm water and electricity. Chairman Finch would like to meet with Impact and the County Executive in the next few months. Any new info given to the committee regarding other tracks and their monetary provisions should be discussed in closed session. Guy Hegg questioned if we are getting enough revenue from the track operators to warrant them. Those numbers will be brought in with the new info from other tracks around the state. Rob reminded the committee that the new fees list approved by the county board removes negotiation for facilities unless they are using the entire grounds. Items that are in dispute marked in yellow on the enclosed contract draft are the items that Jeff Lemiesz wants to go over. He stated that if they are not allowed to negotiate that they will walk away from the contract and discontinue operations. Chairman Finch stated that going with the one year for now does not mean that the contract cannot be amended to provide for any changes that may emerge from future discussions. Rob stated that at this time we will stick with the current contract and amend it to include 2016 lease term while removing the sewer and water charges. Future contracts may see a significant increase in the rental fee depending upon the direction the county takes in light of new information. An updated rental agreement will be sent-out in the couple of weeks or so for signatures.
5. Continued Discussion on Selecting a Date and an Itinerary for Annual Committee Parks Tour – Tour date will be June 8 at 8:30 a.m. meeting in JPC main lot. Sites visited to include; the Community Park, Exp, Arrowhead Park, Fritse Park, Shangri-La Point Nature Preserve, BdM landing and Black Wolf landing. The committee is asked to send individual requests for additions to the agenda the week prior at the minimum.

6. Discussion of Information Relating to User Fees as They Relate to Soccer, Dog Park and Disc Golf Activities in the Community Park – Rob asked for more direction from the committee on what they would like him to include in his September report on park user fees. Guy Hegg suggested to do disc golf on an honor system with a donation box. A donation box already exists but there is no current mechanism to police or enforce compliance. Chairman Finch requested that items to be included in the report be put on next month's agenda.
7. Approval of Resolution Supporting Weight of the Fox Valley – Mike Norton requested that no action be taken on this item at this meeting and it be brought back at the next meeting. The Health Dept. would like to do more education on the program prior to approval.
8. Parks Director's Updates: Community Park Concessionaire, Outdoor Horse Arena Update, Community Park Road/Path Project, Planning of Shelter #2 Playground Site – Rob reported that Hot Dog Expressions was the only applicant for concessionaire within the park. They have started providing services this week. The outdoor arena rehab will be completed by May 15. The road/path project is moving along slowly due to wet weather. The Gametime grant was not granted so he will be putting in \$15,000.00 - \$25,000 into next year's budget for minimal play equipment at shelter #2.
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch would like to include Eileen from Neenah and Dean on the committee tour for their areas.
10. Committee Member's Updates: - Tom Konetzke questioned the mounds in the park. They are for adding height to some disc golf holes and will be graded and possibly planted with prairie grass sometime this summer.
11. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that Sunnyview Expo Center accepted a Partner in Tourism award at this week's OCVB Tourism breakfast. This is the second award of this type in as many years. There will be a couple of marketing programs going on from Memorial Day through Labor Day; Picture Yourself in Winnebago County Parks with KZ Radio and the Scene and an economic impact survey in conjunction with OCVB and ECWRPC.
12. Future Agenda Items: WOFV resolution, permit fees
13. Next Meeting Date: June 4 at 3:45 p.m. and June 8 at 8:30 a.m. for tour.
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Brady Kiel moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 5:04 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager