

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: October 8, 2015 @ 3:45 p.m.
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Parks Department Conference Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke and Brady Kiel – arrived 3:50 p.m., Guy Hegg arrived 5:00 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Larry Lautenschlager – Winnebago County Board

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.. Because the Volunteer Room became available the meeting convened there instead of in the undersized Parks Conference Room. Signs were put up to direct attendees to the new location.
2. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2015 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Norton moved to approve. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda - none
4. Parks Budget Transfer for Travel Expenses – Rob explained the need to add to this budget line item for 2015. Due to unexpected attendance at the WPRA Spring Workshop the amount will be over after the WPRA Convention in November. Since this item was not noticed for approval it must be returned to this body at the next meeting for official approval, though the committee did agree on approval.
5. Discussion of Inquiry Relating to Construction of a Pathway Connecting the Community Park to a possible Future Subdivision South of Premier Soda Creek Estates – Rob explained that the City of Oshkosh Planning Dept. called to let him know that another developer may be interested in construction an apartment complex in a parcel to the west of the Community Park. That developer may be calling to seek an easement to put in a direct path into the park from that future development. Rob has not received a call from this potential developer as of today. Rob also stated that even though there has been a path approved for the apartment complex on the north end, and the committee agreed to recognize the path south of shelter #3 and is now approved for improvement via the parks budget, doing so will set a precedence for future developers around the park and also adjacent to other parks properties throughout the county. Mike Norton stated that he would only support another path if it provided public access and the city put in a bus stop. Brady Kiel suggested that the developer pay for continued annual maintenance of any access path. Rob will bring this item back for further discussion when and if he receives a call requesting access from the potential developer.
6. Approval of Resolution Regarding Submittal of Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Equipment Grant Application – Vicky went over the concept map that was passed out. This is only one element of the proposed Natural Way. Rob noted that if the grant is awarded a budget transfer would have to take place to use monies budgeted for play equipment in the same

area that is in the proposed budget for 2016 in order to provide the required matching funds. Mike Norton moved to approve. Brady Kiel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Approval of Budget Transfer – Acceptance of Donation for Purchase and Installation of a Trail Bench – Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Approval of Army Corps of Engineers Lease allowing for Long Term Placement of a Water Gauge Station at Lake Butte des Morts Boat Landing – Rob explained that his gauge will be similar to the one that has been in place at Boom Bay except this one will be solar powered. Since the documentation from the Corps has not been received this item will appear on the next agenda.
9. Parks Director's Updates: Update on LRB 1921 allowing sale of alcohol by local governments in government owned parks; Handout regarding annual parks costs per resident by nearby counties. Rob reported that the bill LRB 1921 has not been voted on by the state legislature. If approved the bill would allow class A alcohol sales at government owned facilities by government employees, such as municipal golf courses. There may be an opportunity to do something with this provision at the expo, though options will be considered if, and in what form the bill passes. Rob also noted the amount per capita spending for Winnebago County on the included hand out. Winnebago is right in the middle of those departments within the area.
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch reported that he and Rob are still investigation properties for a northern dog park and that one in particular looks promising. They will be holding a conference call with a DNR representative tomorrow. A letter has gone out to possible donors as well.
11. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked if anything has been done regarding the EAB Committee that Mr. Hegg requested. No official notice has been given regarding the forming of such a committee. He also inquired if there are marketing grants available. There aren't usually marketing grants or operational grants, just acquisition and equipment grants. Brady Kiel – none. Tom Konetzke reported that he is hearing that some supervisors would like to table any potential dog park until there is a demonstrated need.
12. Staff Updates: Vicky reported that the October newsletter is posted on the web site and there is a new radio ad going out for this month. Also the Cyclocross race that took place last weekend was a first for this area, and the promoters had a good turn out with expectations of coming back larger next year.
13. Future Agenda Items: Butte des Morts water gauge approval if documents arrive, budget transfer for travel account approval, discussion and possible approval of access path for new development if developer calls and requests such access.
14. Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2015 @ 3:45 p.m.
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Brady Kiel moved to adjourn. Guy Hegg seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 5:06 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager