

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: November 13, 2014 @ 3:45 p.m.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Koby Schellenger district #13, Larry Lautenschlager district #19, Susan Locke district #26 – Winnebago County Board

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2014 – Mike Norton moved to approve. Brady Kiel seconded. Mike Norton asked that the minutes be corrected under item #9 to state that he was looking for a price comparison at a future meeting.
Motion carried 4-0
3. Public Comments - none
4. Introduction of New Assistant Parks Director – Rob introduced Tom McInnis as the new Assistant Parks Director. Tom has been with the County since 1992 and previously held positions at Park View and with Facilities. The Committee welcomed Tom.
5. Consideration of Options for Expanding Community Park Dog Park – this item was initially going to be removed from the agenda as it was requested by Guy Hegg who is excused from this meeting. Tom Konetzke asked to keep it on the agenda for discussion stating that he is against enlarging the current dog park and is in favor of creating another dog park in the northern part of the county. Jerry Finch stated that he is also against enlarging the current dog park and in favor of a northern area dog park. Rob went over the options for expansion using maps included in committee members' packets. Going off of past practice, any expansion to the east or south would require permission from Park View as these areas are under that committee's jurisdiction. In the past when Parks requested use of land under Park View jurisdiction for a few disc golf fairways it was a drawn out and contentious issue which was decided in favor of parks' use after a considerable amount of discussion. At that time it was not apparent that the Park View committee would be interested in discussing any other options for parks use of land under their jurisdiction. If the southern property is used the disc golf course would have to be realigned and tee pads/baskets relocated somewhere else within the park. The only area that is currently within parks jurisdiction that could be made usable is an approximate 120' X 360' long parcel next to the park roadway. The costs incurred for fencing, trail construction and relocation of a service road would likely start at \$75,000 if permission to use the land is obtained from the Park View committee. The entire area that could be used for expansion would be approximately 4-5 acres.
6. Budget Transfer Directing \$2,000 Canadian National RR Grant to Fund Tree Plantings – Rob explained that this grant opportunity came up quickly and was applied for just prior to its deadline. The request has been granted for \$2,000.00 from CN Railways for tree plantings. With this being a relatively small grant award, upon the Parks Committee's approval the request only needs to go on to P&F and the County Executive; not to the

County Board. The trees will be planted in the spring and the amount should cover about 10 trees for the Community Park. Mike Norton moved to approve acceptance of the grant funds as well as the subsequent expenditure. Tom Konetzke 2nded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Expo Rental Fee Comparisons – Vicky Redlin went over the hand-out she compiled on similar properties and what they charge for a few select facilities that are common for comparison. It is difficult to compare exact items as no two facilities are alike and are operated by a variety of different entities. Mike Norton stated that he would like an in depth report in spring with pricing for all facilities throughout the immediate area both public and private, economic impact from these facilities and the county's and options for raising more revenue as was talked about at the county board budget hearings. Rob and Vicky will talk to the OCVB Tourism Director to see what information is available and if she can put together a presentation with as much information as possible for the county board. If more discussion is needed it will be discussed at the next meeting.
8. WPRA Conference Highlights – Jerry Finch commented on the dementia and EAB seminars, Vicky commented on Teresa Pembroke's presentations, porous asphalt, and sponsorship seminars, Rob commented on invasive species control using unconventional means, pay for performance reviews and reconnecting youth to nature presentations.
9. Parks Director's Updates: Community Park Road Project, Wood Shop Sanitary Sewer Connection, Girl Scout Project at Waukau - the road project is winding down for the year with the asphalt plants closing for the season, culverts are being installed, and cement curbing on the roundabouts and cul de sac is finished. The asphalt on both the roadway and path will be installed in the spring; both are already prepped and will benefit from the settling time over the winter.
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: As per a discussion with the County Executive he will continue to negotiate with Glatfelter on property for a north county dog park. After comments from supervisors at the county board budget hearings regarding increasing revenue please bring to the next meeting committee members ideas regarding a user fee for soccer fields and disc golf.
11. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton – none, left at 4:55 p.m., Tom Konetzke – for the comparison of clean up costs what did that entail? Clean up over and above the norm, clients are required to sweep, pick up trash and put all garbage in trash cans. Brady Kiel – none.
12. Staff Updates: none
13. Future Agenda Items: Economic benefits comparison with OCVB, ideas for park user fees.
14. Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2014 at 3:45 p.m.
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Brady Kiel moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned 5:02 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Mgr.
Winnebago County Parks