

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: January 10, 2012
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
8:30 a.m..

PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom Konetzke, Harold Singstock.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Mr. & Mrs. Larry Last

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of December 13, 2011 Minutes – Tom Konetzke moved to approve Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Report on Playground/Outdoor Fitness Equipment Options – Rob Way went over the options for outdoor fitness and playground equipment alternatives. Costs for the equipment alone range from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 going as high as \$30,000.00 when factoring in chips and other items needed for installation. This would have to be a budgeted item from within the operational budget as it not at a high enough cost to be considered a stand along bonded item. If partnered with another park improvement ie. the tennis courts it could possible be approached as a bonded capital item. There is an immediate need for a play structure at shelter 2. Currently there is only a set of swings there and shelter rentals reflect the lack of amenities at shelter 2. Rob went over the 3 options depicted on a presentation board; fitness equipment only, a mix of fitness and play equipment, and all play equipment. There is the ability to install a new play system that is ADA compatible while the other play systems that are currently in place will need to be retrofitted for ADA prior to 2013. There are play systems for age ranges of 4-7, 6-12 or a combination of the two. Burke products have proven to hold up the best safety-wise as well as aesthetically though they cost approximately 1/3 more than other manufacturers. Individual play or fitness equipment can be purchased as well to appeal to a broader spectrum of users. Liability is taken care of via recreational immunity.
5. Interactions with ECWRPC regarding Parks Open Space Plan – Rob stated that the ECWRPC has received and approved our request for assistance. However, they will not be able to provide assistance until Aug. or Sept. of 2012. The time frame is not a problem for parks. Other than for purposes of guide decision makers as they consider new developments or renovations on existing parks property, an open space plan is necessary in applying for property acquisition grants. Jerry Finch asked that Rob speak with Mark Harris and Dave Albrecht to see if they can speed up the process as they are board members of ECWRPC.
6. Parks Director's Updates: ADA update, Expo Workshop/Storage Building update – Rob reported that we are meeting with a bleacher manufacturer and install this Thursday and that Vicky Redlin has gotten several quotes for the 19 ADA compliant picnic tables needed for both the park and the expo. The expo workshop project went before P & F for approval of \$45,000.00 in engineering study costs

and at that meeting was forwarded to the Facilities Committee. Rob will attend that committee's meeting tomorrow to see where the project goes from here.

7. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch noted that the lawnmower that burned up was replaced by insurance. He also asked for the committee to consider helping the Town of Menasha provide access to their disc golf course.
8. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked Rob to look into the Dane County fund that awards grants to smaller communities within the county for parks.
9. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that the Expo User Group meeting took place this past Saturday and was a success. We will keep the meeting on the second Saturday in January as all attending said that a weekend is easier to make than a week night. There were several worthwhile discussions that took place at the meeting. Vicky also provided Pavilion update; interior painting is almost completed on the walls and ceiling, with the trim just beginning. An ad was inserted into the Oshkosh Northwestern and the Neenah paper this passed month on the pavilion rental. The corrections crew will be coming in spring to paint the exterior and tear down the outside showers. The part time caretakers have been coming in and working on the interior and plan to be finished with the inside, new windows, paint, trim, serving counter in mid Feb. or early March depending on snowfall.
10. Future Agenda Items: Expo workshop
11. Next Meeting Date Feb. 14, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m..
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.