

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 29, 2012
PLACE: JP Coughlin Building Main Parking Lot
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 and Susan Locke

1. Chairman convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Coughlin Building main lot.
2. Meeting recessed at 8:35 a.m. in order to proceed with committee's tour of properties listed on May 29th agenda. Tour stops included: the Expo Center, Community Park and 3 land areas that show promise in being able to serve as a north county dog park site.
3. Meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m. at the Four Seasons Restaurant in Neenah
4. Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes – Don Miller made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 minutes. Motion was seconded by Tom Konetzke. M.C.
5. Discussion of Matters Related to Parks Properties Tour (if any) - Mike Norton complimented staff on the appearance of the newly remodeled restrooms at Community Park Shelter #1 and #2. Tom Konetzke went on to suggest that later in the summer the committee invite representatives from the BMX organization to provide an update of their club's events and operations.
6. Approval of Request to Allow 2 Nights of Camping at Asylum Point Boat Landing to Accommodate the Catamaran Racing Association of Wisconsin's (CRAW) Sailboat Regatta on July 13th -15th – Jerry Finch opened discussion by stating that whatever process we employ in allowing CRAW to use the Asylum Point Boat Landing should include a USE PERMIT in order to relieve concerns that something they might do would comeback and haunt the county some time in the future. Harold Signstock indicated that he would like a provision installed in the USE PERMIT that addresses the need for the organization to carry-out all their trash and to pick-up after themselves. Tom Konetzke made a motion to approve CRAW's request to utilize Asylum Point Boat Landing for camping for 3 people who will provide security for the sailboats that are being permitted to stay on-site during the organization's July 13th – July 15th Lake Winnebago regatta. Motion seconded by Don Miller. Motion carried 5 – 0.
7. Parks Director's Update – Rob Way mentioned that the display article for the Public Enemies kiosk out on the WIOUWASH Trail would be installed by the end of the week. Rob went on to state that the representative from the Department of Commerce (DOC) had provided word that the status of the Brownsfield Grant had not changed since the program moved over from the DNR to the DOC. Essentially, the DOC's Brownsfield Grant does not provide funding to municipalities and as such, there is no outside money source available to help mitigate the blighted conditions at the Breezewood property.
8. Committee Chairman's Update – no comments were given.

9. Committee Member's Update – Mike Norton suggested that the Oshkosh Police Department's liaison officer for the north side of Oshkosh be invited to a future meeting.
10. The meeting recessed at 1:15 p.m. in order to continue the Parks Committee's tour of Parks properties. The committee proceeded to follow the afternoon itinerary as shown in the Parks & Recreation Committee's May 29th agenda.
11. Reconvene meeting outside of the Coughlin Building in the main parking lot – Tom Konetzke made a motion for the Parks Committee meeting to reconvene. Don Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. The meeting reconvened at 3:12 p.m..
12. Future Agenda Items: Discussion regarding the future of the tennis courts; procedure for updating some of the outdated narrative contained within the Parks chapter of the General Code; update on progress being made in the search for a north side dog park location; and, update regarding the Parks Open Space Plan.
13. Next Meeting Date - June 12, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
14. Adjournment – Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Way
Parks Director/Expo Manager