

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

DATE & Time: June 6, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom
Konetzke, Harold Singstock. Excused - Don Miller
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks
Dept. and Harrison Sturgis, Jr..

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2013 Meeting – The minutes from May 28 will be approved at the next meeting.
3. Public Comments – none
4. Discussion of North County Dog Park Proposal – Rob started-out by indicating that no matter what came out of the subsequent discussion, the County Executive would be the party responsible for the actual submittal of the offer to purchase from the Town of Neenah. Rob then went over what the Town of Neenah had recently decided in reference to the formation of an ad hoc committee that would work with the county representatives in sculpting an acceptable dog park proposal. They turned down the approach of forming an ad hoc committee in favor of just having the Town Board address whatever offer the county would submit from the three proposals presented at the Town of Neenah's April 15th Planning Commission meeting. Given the generalized manner in which the Town is approaching the topic Rob indicated that there may even be an option for upping the original lease amount(s) if they would like to go that route. Rob went on to give pricing for each option within the official Parks proposal to the town using what he believes to be the original per acre purchase price. Those prices are as follows: Option A = \$516,250.00, Option B = \$450,750.00, Option C = \$231,375.00, and the 17 acre parcel not in the proposal henceforth referred to as Option D = \$215,000.00. He once again repeated that the formal proposal to purchase must go through the County Executive as the offer would be coming from his office. Chairman Finch started discussion by mentioning that he wishes the Parks Committee to come up with a sense of what direction to take regarding an option to purchase. Rob followed the chairman's statement by stating that it was his observation that the source of funding for purchase will probably be borne by the County as the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks Inc. (FWCDP) doesn't have the funds on hand but could help contribute towards development. Harold Singstock stated that if the county purchased the site and the other municipalities involved committed to provide maintenance but the dog park did not come to fruition he would only support the purchase if the property could subsequently be turned into a different sort of park. Mike Norton stated that he is open to exploring all options for purchase or upping the lease amount as long as the County Executive approves and the FWDCP and local municipalities are involved. Tom Konetzke stated that supporters in the area need to become more vocal. Chairman Finch stated that if the Committee decides to abandon the effort that he will not object. Mike Norton asked that Plan D be pursued with an offer to purchase and support via maintenance by local municipalities. Harold Singstock suggested that the Town be contacted and asked what price they would ask for the

property in Option D and give them a deadline for when the decision to sell is to be made. The deadline for a decision should be the August Parks meeting. Rob stated that the DNR's Stewardship Grants are a possible source for helping fund the purchase of the property however they now have many stipulations attached to the grant funds that could prove to be problematic in terms of how they would directly conflict with the operating practices common to a dog park setting. Rob passed out an update of local dog park fees.

5. Breezewood Property Phase I Environmental Report – Rob went over the executive report from the consultant for environmental clean up of the site. The total for items that need to be completed before a parking lot can be installed total \$22,500.00 for remediation. There is a possibility that the parking lot development can be partially funded through the WDNR snow mobile trail program. Once further inspections are done a demolition plan can begin. An update will be provided in September.
6. Approval of Updated WIOUWASH Trail ANR Pipeline Easement – Tom Konetzke moved to approve the updated easement. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Report on need for Sanitary Sewer Hook-up at Parks Workshop – Rob explained there may be a need to have the carpenter shop restroom hooked up to city sewer. Options are being explored. Chairman Finch would like the cost estimate for this at the next meeting.
8. Parks Director's Updates: Open Space Plan – June 24 is the deadline for public comments on the Open Space Plan. So far there are 168 responses which is moderate. The plan will be up for approval at the July meeting.
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: Those interested in attending the WPRA convention should contact Rob.
10. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked if Rob is briefed after FWDCP meetings. Rob replied that yes he regularly talks with the FWDCP president Michelle Kennedy and that she often updates him on what has occurred during the organization's meetings. Harold Singstock wants the Breezewood site fast tracked and an answer on the north dog park at the August meeting. He also asked about the proposed storage building. Rob stated that as long as the expo garage remains in place Parks has no further need for additional storage and the issue is in the hands of Facilities. He will ask Mike Elder for an update.
11. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin stated that she is working on several things regarding future marketing and will have something for the committee in the fall.
12. Next Meeting Date – July 11, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m..
13. Next Meeting Agenda Items: - north dog park purchase options, price on workshop restroom sewer connection.
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Harold Singstock moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 9:42 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted
Vicky Redlin, Asst. Expo Mgr.