

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 12, 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, Tom Konetzke,
Harold Singstock. Excused – Don Miller.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept..

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of May 29, 2012 Minutes – Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Update on Winnebago County Dog Parks Developments –Chairman Finch explained the dialog he had with one of the property owners of one of the candidate properties. The property is assessed at \$74,000.00 and the owner wants \$200,000.00 for the property. There will be a meeting of the Neenah School Board in July at which the school district property will be discussed. The Parks Dept. proposal for a 20 year lease will be given to the school board at that time. The property in the Town of Neenah is still a viable option if the school district does not accept the Parks proposal. The FWCDP have been doing a lot of work at the Community Park dog park, and they have 4 dates scheduled for dog swim days at the former beach.
5. Recommendation(s) Regarding Future of Community Park Tennis Courts – Rob passed out current photos of the tennis court site. After much discussion it was unanimously decided to refurbish only 2 courts using a special tile surface material. Using this type of surface material will hereafter eliminate the need to perform sealcoat repairs every 3 – 5 years at the cost of approximately \$4,500 per court. An added benefit of using the tile is the ability to have the surface markings customized so as to permit other sports activities to be played on it (i.e. pickleball and basketball. The remaining 4 courts will be taken-out and turned into turf areas. The new turf area will be beneficial in that it will allow for expansion of soccer field #9. Tom Konetzke would like to see a backboard included in the project. Discussion ended with members indicating that they would like to see something started this year if possible but with a completion in spring of 2013. Rob will get revised figures for this project and proceed with inquiries for bonding.
6. Discussion of Final Disposition of the Expo Workshop Project – The Parks stance on the project is that we will make do with a few modifications and continue status quo. If the 4H garage becomes available and is viable the Expo would like to take it over for storage. Rob will set up a meeting with Mark Harris including Mike Elder and Kris Kniep to finalize what the process will be. Harold Singstock would like a deadline for the moving of items in and out of buildings set.
7. Updating of Parks Department’s Segments of the General Code – there are several areas within the General Code that need some minor cleaning up. Staff will go over Chapter 19 this month and highlight these items for removal. John Bodnar

stated that there will need to be reference to those items changed or omitted and he must review the changes before the committee votes on a resolution on the altered code. This should be done in time for the August committee meeting.

8. Parks Director's Updates: ADA, Upcoming Events, Open Space Plan Update – There is nothing new on the ADA plan as we are waiting to meet with East Central to begin the open space plan where the ADA plan will be addressed and incorporated. There have been some developments in the status of the Oshkosh United Soccer Club that impact on the way that Parks Department must now deal with the club. United has officially moved to the YMCA for its league play but still uses the Park for its tournament. Now that they are not an official long term lessee they are not awarded the same use privileges within the soccer shelter. During the last heavy rains the Maintenance Department had to deal with a near flooding situation at Parkview. They are currently working with LWCD to see what nearby adjustments could be made that would help alleviate the threat of flooding. Some park property may come into play with their solution.
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch attended the Memorial Day Hmong Soccer Tournament and was impressed with the event and the OPD presence.
10. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton stated that he is still noticing some new clients using the incorrect name for the expo center in their advertising. Tom Konetzke referenced the letter received from the farm bureau which will be addressed after staff review.
11. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that Midwest Fest is taking place this weekend and is a first year event so not much is known about its success at this time. She also reported that the Winnebago County Eycling event was a success with Sustainability Committee members collecting over 12,000 lbs. of e-cyclable waste. She has also received many compliments on the great facility amenities from various horse show participants. The partnership with WXMM is paying off with them advertising when the Park was closed due to flooding and when traffic had to be rerouted for the Hmong soccer tournament. There are also 2 new large light poles going in at the Expo and the problems with the ATM line at the grandstand and the security line at the Pavilion have been rectified.
12. Future Agenda Items: update on 2012 goals and accomplishments, OPD report on parks incidents, 2013 budget, winter expo schedule
13. Next Meeting Date – July 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m..
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 10:20 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.