

## **PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: July 12, 2011  
PLACE: J.P. Coughlin Building – Volunteer Room  
625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh WI  
8:30 a.m..  
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom  
Konetzke, Travis Swanson.  
ALSO PRESENT: Vicky Redlin, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Rob  
Way - excused.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.. In Rob’s absence items 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 will be taken up at the next meeting.
2. Approval of June 7, 2011 Minutes – Mike Norton moved to approve the June 7, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Travis Swanson abstained.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Dog Park Updates and Rules Review – Chairman Finch stated that the recently organized dog park group has been doing a great job at the Oshkosh facility, however he would like to question them if they are working on finding a northern property for consideration as a new dog park. The latest property investigated was turned down by the owner. A few items on the dog park rules document included with members’ packets were addressed. The hours stated are dusk to dawn and the park is actually open from 7am to 11pm. Also additional policy regarding aggressive dogs should be investigated with the OPD to bar overly aggressive dogs from admittance into the park. Chairman Finch would like a meeting with the new dog park group to go over plans.
5. Approve Revision to Expo Center Policy Statement Exhibit “C” – Vicky Redlin explained that this new policy further stressing the term limits that are in each contract. There have been many instances of campers from horse show participants coming in well in advance of the show and interfering with operations. Mike Norton moved to approve the new policy directive. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
6. New ADA Policies Applicable to Parks Department Facilities – will discuss at next meeting
7. Review of Concept Design Drawing of Proposed Expo Workshop – Vicky Redlin went over the design that was proposed a few years ago. This has been brought to the forefront by UWEX as they need a replacement for the current garage facility that they are using. Updated costs for the building and comparison bids need to be requested. Also, it is necessary to get an update from UWEX on where they are regarding budgeting for this project.
8. Overview of Parks Proposed `12 Budget Submittal – will discuss at next meeting
9. Discussion Pertaining to Updating of the Parks and Recreation Plan – will discuss at the next meeting

10. DNR's Progress at Picnic Point – will discuss at the next meeting
11. Parks Director's Updates: Park Kiosks Project – will discuss at the next meeting
12. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch stated that he is still hopeful a north area dog park can be established. He also stated that he attended Lifest this past Thursday through Saturday and enjoyed the experience while receiving a lot of feed back. There will be a post event meeting with Lifest in the next few months.
13. Committee Member's Updates: Tom Konetzke stated that he is hopeful as well that a north dog park can be established. In questioning the growth of Lifest he was told that in 13 years it has grown from 7,500 to 88,000 last year with a 25% increase in ticket sales this year.
14. Staff Updates: Disc Golf Tourney & Expo HVAC Update – Vicky Redlin reported that there is a check coming from the disc golf tournament. The HVAC's look to be balanced but no formal notice has come in regarding if the inside work is done. The sealing around the units is holding up no leaks from rain so far. The catwalk will be installed after the fair. Bob Lohry reported on lift truck training. Bob Lohry also stated that other departments are using the lift truck and the chipper and in his opinion they should be charged for doing so. He also stated that he believes that Hwy. is charging too much for the repairs that they are doing for the department. Further, he continued by indicating that he took issue with the Hwy. Department's method(s) of repair as applied to a specific incident that occurred out on the WIOUWASH Trail.
15. Future Agenda Items: discuss lift truck and chipper usage by other departments, Chairman Finch requests a meeting with Rob, Bob Lohry and Mark Harris regarding the Hwy. Department's equipment repair program as it applies to Parks, purchase of additional land either Kaufman or Rusch properties, Pepsi machines filled more often, sealing after catwalk install.
16. Next Meeting Date – August 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m..
17. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
Assistant Expo Mgr.