

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 7, 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, Don Miller.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., John Steen and Mike Nigl – Fox River Runners Boat Club, Michelle Kennedy – FWCDP.

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 8:33 a.m..
2. Approval of July 10, 2012 Minutes – Tom Konetzke moved to approve the minutes with the correction of the word ‘us’ to ‘use’ in item 4. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Buoy Installation and Removal Request from the Fox River Runners Boat Club of Omro – Copies of a letter of support from the City of Omro for the boat club were passed out. Rob outlined the request from the club to have the 4 buoys that they are installing and removing currently be added to the County contract with Radtke for install and removal. The reason for the request is that these buoys have been replaced with new heavier buoys and the Club does not have the means to install and replace them without hiring an outside contractor which is inordinately expensive due to the nature of the task for only 4 buoys. The Club would be responsible for parts replacement and maintenance of the buoys as well as reimbursement to the County for the cost of installing/removing them annually which is approximately \$600.00 to \$800.00 per buoy. John Steen and Mike Nigl gave a short background of the Club and their operations. The Committee directed Rob to consult with Corporation Counsel on putting together an MOA that will include the 4 buoys in question in the County’s Radtke contract and return to the Committee for approval.
5. Address Neenah School District’s Response to County’s Proposal for Leasing of Irish Road & West American Drive Property for use as a Dog Park - A copy of the Neenah Joint School District’s response was passed out. The response did not come in the form of a counter proposal as the Committee would have preferred but as a list of items that the District opposes in the current proposal from the County. The Committee discussed each item listed in the response and went-over the merits of proceeding with another proposal. Don Miller moved to have Rob approach the District with the Committee’s desire for a 10 year lease with a provision for renewal of up to 10 years. If agreed to then the Committee would like to meet with the District’s Board of Education to negotiate the other items in the proposal. Harold Singstock seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Review of Fees Applied to Park Shelter Reservation Program – Rob went over the survey of area pricing from other municipalities. Currently we are within the range of all of the other areas. Chairman Finch would like a comparison brought in for the City of Oshkosh, Village of Winneconne and Menasha for further comparison.
7. Parks Director's Updates: ADA, Upcoming Events, and Disc Golf Course Update – the specs for an RFP for ADA bleachers and picnic tables has been sent to purchasing for their review, the dispute over the Hmong Labor Day event has been decided in favor of the Hmong Service Center, the Oshkosh Disc Golf Club is still in the process of trying to acquire a 501C3 status and is planning on fundraising to finish the northern most set of baskets of the course.
8. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch reported that he sees lots of disc golfers in the park. He also attended Lifest and an event at the pavilion this past weekend.
9. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton reported that he attended the NACO conference. Don Miller stated that he will be back to a normal schedule next month as he had several conflicts on meeting dates over the summer. Harold Singstock stated that in reference to the mention of the Tri County Ice Arena oversight being given to Vicky Redlin after Winnebago County takes complete ownership and that Vicky's job description be changed to reflect that oversight. He also questioned whether the Committee reviews the budget before Rob meets with the County Executive on it. No the Committee is given the highlights as the budget is the Executive's to present to the County Board. Tom Konetzke reported that he did some research on pickle ball and found that the YMCA's in the area have a large number of participants and he also attended Lifest for a short time.
10. Staff Updates: Vicky asked that the Committee plan to attend the County Fair taking place this week.
11. Next Meeting Date – September 11, 2012 at 8:30 a.m..
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Don Miller moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 10:43 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.