

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

DATE & TIME: August 22, 2013 @ 9:00 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, Chuck Tews.  
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept., Michelle Kennedy – Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Harrison Sturgis – Town of Menasha resident.

1. Call to order - Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 9:00 a.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2013 and August 1, 2013 Meetings – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the July 11 and August 1 meeting minutes. Mike Norton moved to approve both the July 11 and Aug. 1 meeting minutes as written. Harold Singstock seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Approve Application for American Transmission Company (ATC) Tree Planting Program Grant – Rob Way explained the opportunity for a grant from ATC. Previously trees along a section of the WIUOWASH had to be removed for an upgrade of a transmission line installed by this company. Due to this we may get additional consideration for a grant. The amount covered is \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for tree planting elsewhere to make up for the lost trees. Tom Konetzke moved to approve applying for a grant from ATC. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Discussion of matters concerning the North County Dog Park - Rob Way updated the committee on the Town of Neenah property. A letter was sent to the Town Board requesting a price for purchase of the property. At their August 1 meeting they did not directly discuss this property or a price for it. They indicated that they would include the subject of ‘an examination of what, if anything, the town may want to do with the properties along Oakridge’ as an item on their Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting agenda. Rob is currently attempting to contact the Town Chairman to find-out if indeed the item will appear on the Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> agenda. He recommended putting the issue on hold until after the Town Board’s meeting. This item will be put on the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Parks agenda for discussion and possible action. Discussion with Mr. Sturgis regarding the lease of his property for a proposed dog park site will continue.
6. Updates regarding the Butte des Morts Bridge Trail – Vicky Redlin updated the committee on the planning for the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> opening ceremony for the bridge trail. Rob stated that the DNR has yet to send an MOA for the move of maintenance responsibilities to the Parks Dept..
7. Amend July 11<sup>th</sup> Committee Approval of \$1,850,000 Funding Request for Community Park Road & Shared Use Path Project to Reflect a Total Request of \$2,094,629 – Rob Way informed the committee the OYSC has committed to their plan of fundraising to build a formal soccer shelter on the south end of the Community Park. Such a construction project should be addressed in the plan for a shared use path throughout the park. Currently the south end of the shared use path is an option but not included in the resolution for construction. Mike Norton moved to amend his motion from July 11<sup>th</sup> to

- include the southern end shared use path option in the funding amount. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Parks Director's Updates: `14 Parks Budget and Parks Caretaker Position – Rob reported that Dave Binner has been hired from Airport for the parks caretaker position. There will be 7 disc golf tee pads going in this fall to complete the 36 pads. The Oshkosh school district is having a concessionaire this weekend at the softball diamonds. A concession RFP from the Community Park will be going out shortly. The committee was also made aware of a meeting that took place with Deerfest promoters.
  9. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch passed around a draft resolution from Paul Eisen to be considered at next month's meeting regarding oversight of the Tri County Arena. Chairman Finch also stated that he encountered a dog park user going the wrong way on the park road. He confronted the person about his actions.
  10. Committee Member's Updates: Harold Singstock would like to see an update on the Breezewood property and bleachers for the next meeting. Tom Konetzke had asked for a report on rental activity at the Pavilion, a report has been generated and was passed out. Tom also stated that staff and Rettler did a good job at the County Board presentation earlier this week. He also stated that he has a conflict with the Oct. meeting date.
  11. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin stated that she is working with DNR and UWEX on getting area municipalities together to develop a plan for EAB county-wide. There may also be another sponsorship contract coming in for approval at the next meeting.
  12. Next Meeting Date: Sept. 5, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.
  13. Next Meeting Agenda Items: Open Space Plan approval, DNR tree grant, OYSC MOA, DNR MOA, possible sponsorship contract, north area dog park, Tri Cty. Arena resolution, Breezewood property and bleachers.
  14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 10:25 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin