

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: October 11, 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.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept.. Michelle
Kennedy – Friends of Winnebago County Dog parks, Inc.

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m..
2. Approval of September 13, 2011 Minutes – Don Miller moved to approve the Sept. 13, 2011 minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Amendments to Sections 19.24 and 19.25 of the General Code of Winnebago County to Reflect the Elimination of Swimming Activities at the Community Park Swim Beach and Establish the Beach House as a Pavilion Available for Day Rentals – Rob Way went over the changes made to the resolution per the County Board meeting last month. Rob had called the supervisors who had questioned the resolution’s wording for input. John Bodnar had approved of the ordinance prior to revisions with the exception of the word ‘adjacent’ when applying to areas of shoreline next to boat landing properties. The new wording states that there is no swimming on any Parks property unless permitted or posted as such. Tom Konetzke noted that there are some items that need to be rectified with the highlighting of the copies before it goes for County Board approval. Jerry Finch requested that the term ‘if permitted’ be removed. Rob Way suggested that then line 61 could be eliminated. Mike Norton moved to approve the resolution with line 61 omitted. Tom Kontezke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Rob then submitted the amended resolution to Corporation Counsel for approval and addition to the P&F committee agenda. John Bodnar asked that line 61 not be omitted due to liability issues. Mike Norton moved to reconsider resolution 276-82011. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Mike Norton moved to approve the resolution as originally submitted with the changes underlined and deletions crossed out for better readability on the County Board floor. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc. Report - Michelle Kennedy reported on the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks Inc. activities. 501C3 acceptance is expected by December. Fundraisers and marketing have been taking place. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and a brochure have been made up for distribution. Just under \$3,000.00 has been raised. The issue of food in the dog park was discussed. The suggested rules from the group will be discussed at the next Parks Committee meeting for incorporation into formal parks rules. Tom Konetzke thanked Ms. Kennedy for her efforts. A discussion of possible north area sites was undertaken. Ms. Kennedy excused.
6. Statement of Appreciation forwarded to former Committee Member Travis Swanson – Jerry Finch notified the committee that Travis Swanson has accepted a new job in Washington DC and will be leaving the area soon. He requested Rob to put together a letter of thanks from the committee for his service on the committee to be sent to him. Jerry Finch moved to approve the sending of such a letter. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Parks Director’s Updates: ADA Item, EAB Update and Open Space Plan – Rob Way reported on the SOBA conference he attended. The boat landings are so far ADA compliant. There has been little movement with the EAB infestation in southern Wisconsin over the past year which is good news. However, as part of the County’s EAB management plan, for the foreseeable future Parks will be committing funds towards planting new tree species other than the ash variety. These plantings will

take in key areas of the Community Park and over at the Expo. Funding for the Open Space Plan will be sought from East Central Planning Commission as recommended, and application will be submitted.

8. Committee Chairman's Updates: Jerry Finch asked the committee about changes meeting times or dates. This will be further looked into at the next committee meeting. He also asked that Rob contact the supervisors that had comments on the beach resolution again for their comments on the revised resolution.

9. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked for an update on the portion of the WIOWASH in need of cleanup as per the City of Oshkosh. Rob stated that a portion of the trail does need widening and it will be addressed. Don Miller requested that Rob talk to Chairman Albrecht regarding the appointment of Harold Singstock to the Parks Committee to replace Travis Swanson. Tom Konezke asked for an update on the archery range and lift truck placement. The archery range has been repaired and is being used. The lift truck will remain placed primarily with the Parks Dept. as is status quo.

10. Staff Updates: Winter Storage Program – Vicky Redlin reported that the winter storage program began last Friday and the area available is currently 2/3 full with more being added each day. It is expected that the \$4,000.00 goal will be reached and the storage at capacity within a week to ten days.

11. Future Agenda Items: EPA Brownfield Assessment application, dog park rules, new meeting time and date.

12. Next Meeting Date – November 8, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m..

13. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Don Miller moved to adjourn. Tom Konezke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 10:08 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.