

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 11, 2012
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Meeting Room A
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
8:30 a.m..
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom
Konetzke, Harold Singstock.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept.. Trish
Nau – East Central Planning Commission, Mark Harris –
Winnebago County Executive

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Status of Parks Storage Facilities – Mark Harris opened the discussion by indicating that given his preliminary reading of the consultant’s facilities report, we may want to consider having a modest size storage building constructed. Harold Singstock stated that if there was no significant difference in price, he would be more in favor of putting up a new structure as opposed rehabbing the old ones. Mike Norton questioned whether the support would be there to build a new structure given past resistance. Tom Konetzke pointed-out that if a new building is put up then solar power options should be explored in order to curtail operational costs. Mike Norton inquired as to what the role(s) would be for each department during the building project phase as well as for the long term maintenance of the structure. It was subsequently suggested that a joint meeting be held between the various committees. It was also pointed-out that it is important that the consultant’s facilities report be shared in the near future. Mr. Harris suggested that the three department heads meet with him to discuss the next steps. He will have John Fink set up a meeting with the department heads for the near future.
3. Updating of Parks 5 – Year Open Space & Recreation Plan – Trish Nau reported that the survey has been deployed on the web and sent to other municipalities within the county. A hard copy will be provided to county board supervisors at the next board meeting. Today’s meeting is to make preliminary recommendations which will be finalized after public input. Discussion of general and overall recommendations for all facilities followed by individual facilities ensued. Items discussed include; ADA, refuse, playgrounds, trees, possible conversion of landfills. Jerry Finch provided a brief update on the Charrette Report. Out of the ensuing discussion there was a consensus among the committee’s members not to accept the landfill property if additional funding is not granted for maintenance. Further, Rob Way was instructed to make it known to the Solid Waste & Landfill Director that the Parks Committee does not favor future use of the landfill for ball fields. Proposed dates and locations for public meetings for the 5 – Year Open Space & Recreation Plan are as follows; Omro/Winneconne January 21, 2013, Town of Menasha February

4, 2012, Oshkosh at the Coughlin Center February 11, 2013. Trish and Rob will work on securing a facility for these meetings. All public meetings will take place from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

4. Parks Director's Updates - none
5. Committee Chairman's Updates: - none
6. Committee Member's Updates - none
7. Staff Updates - none
8. Next Meeting Date – January 3, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m..
9. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.