

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: December 12, 2013 @ 8:30 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., Harrison Sturgis – Town of Menasha resident, Jerry Frey – citizen Town of Oshkosh, Larry Stratton – Impact Motorsports, Jim Erdman – Town of Oshkosh Chairman, Larry and Debra Last – Town of Nekimi residents.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2013 Meeting – Tom Konetzke moved to approve the November 14, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. Chuck Tews seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments – Jerry Frey stated that he would prefer an end to racing noise at 10 p.m. in the evening rather than the current 10:20 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. as may be proposed with a new Conditional Use Permit from the City of Oshkosh. He stated that he does not want an 11:00 p.m. curfew for racing noise as he feels it is too late. Larry Stratton from Impact Motorsports passed out a tentative schedule for next season and stated that the need to extend the time limit is due to instances of delay caused by wrecks and excessive car counts. He also stated that other tracks in the state that operate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday have curfew limits of 11:00 p.m. or 11:30 p.m.. The start time has been moved back from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate participants and spectators who are coming from work and/or traveling a distance to attend. A 4 hour time frame is needed to produce a show. Stratton also stated that this past season they finished no later than 10:40 p.m. which would be the estimated time that they propose to end under a new C.U.P.. Jim Erdman stated that the Town of Oshkosh had not discussed this request at their most recent meeting but he has talked to residents, especially on the north end, in the past and there were some complaints about late night noise usually in conjunction with ‘special’ events involving Sprint cars. The position of the Town Board therefore hasn’t changed on this issue.
4. Submittal of new Conditional Use Permit for Regulating of Racetrack Program Activities - Discussion – Rob went over where the department stands on the C.U.P.. The City of Oshkosh has the final say on any time extension. Last season the City allowed the time to go past 10:30 p.m. on a trail basis without changing the current C.U.P.. They stated at the time that after the season a revision could be looked at if there were no significant complaints. Originally it was thought that the current C.U.P. could be amended but the City is requiring a new C.U.P. which requires a new application and both City and County approval. The first step is Parks Committee approval and then it moves on to either the City Planning Commission or County Board and then the City Council; Rob Way will inquire with Corp Counsel as to the appropriate procedure. All entities must approve for a new C.U.P. to be put in place. In the meantime and if the new one is not approved the current C.U.P. will remain in force until its expiration date. It is unclear how the City would handle complaints for going over the 11:00 p.m. limit though any citations will be issued to the County as the holder of the C.U.P..
5. Approval of Revised Agreement between WDNR and County for Operation of Tribal Heritage Trail – Rob explained that there was a change in wording required

by the DNR; making the transaction and “AGREEMENT” instead of a “LEASE”. He has been in touch with the DNR Regional Trails Coordinator and was informed that DNR officials in Madison continue to study the issue as to the change in wording. No info has come from Madison as of today. Parks is also working with the Two Brothers and La Quinta properties to resolve parking issues for use of the trail.

6. Detailing of Boat Landing Trailer Parking Fee Program - Rob went over a handout with details of expenditures and revenues from the program. He also provided a history of the program. The launch fee is a segregated fund that allows for use of revenue for improvements for the launches. Since most of the large projects (i.e. dredging, seawall and break wall replacements, ramp extensions) have been done at the launches more of the funding has been made available to go towards maintenance costs. This fund however does not support the navigational aids program which is a separate fund. Rob also spoke to the difference between boat trailer parking permits which are affixed to the windshield of a vehicle and enforceable by the WDOT and launch permits which are attached to the boat trailer which are virtually unenforceable for citations outside the governing body’s municipal borders.
7. Investigation into Unified Boat Launch Fee for Lake Winnebago Counties – Rob explained the proposal by Fond du Lac and Calumet Counties to instate a special Lake Winnebago boat launch parking permit for County launches only within the three counties. This permit would be in addition to each county’s current permits and for use at all three counties launch sites. A draft of a resolution instituting such a three county permit was passed out. Previous attempts at unifying launch fees around Lake Winnebago have not been successful. There would be no cross exchange of revenue linked to this particular permit, what you sell you keep the revenue from. Mike Norton questioned what effect this would have on our current permits. Harold Singstock feels it is not necessary as it is not an inconvenience to boat to another launch area rather than drive, and the sum that would be made is very small. The impact is unclear at this time but the program would be reviewed after one year. Discussion of the pros and cons of individual launch uses ensued. Further discussion will take place at the January meeting where a vote will take place. One other change to the current program is changing the effective dates of the annual and three year permits to reflect the calendar year rather than expiring in March.
8. Parks Director’s Updates: Status of concessionaire contract development; Update on Com. Park road upgrade; Tennis court project; Asylum Bay Bt. Landing seawall rehab; Interdepartmental interactions dealing with tree care on county properties; North county dog park update – Rob reported that he is waiting on input from other WPRAs members on their concession contracts after submitting a draft for comments; the road project contract is currently in the hands of Rettler for signing; the fence is up at the multi-sport court and the tiles are being delivered for installation in the spring; the Asylum seawall project has been postponed to spring due to the unseasonably cold weather; Facilities has applied for a DNR grant to put together a tree inventory of trees that they are responsible for, they did not include parks, but would be amenable to adding the Community Park; a meeting took place last week Friday with the DNR solid waste site inspector at the Sturgis property which was productive in that in the opinion of the inspector the property would be a good fit for a dog park. The inspector will be generating a report and upon receipt of this report Rob will work with Harry Sturgis and the DNR on setting-up a meeting with Corp. Counsel to further discuss any liability issues some time in January or February.
9. Committee Chairman’s Updates: - none

10. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton asked if the agreement on maintenance for the new UWEX storage building has been completed yet. Rob is still waiting for Chris to make some additions. Harold Singstock requested a deadline be set for the razing of the Breezewood property. Tom Konetzke would like to see a public ceremony for the unveiling of the multi-sport court when it is finished. Vicky assured him that such a ceremony is in the works.
11. Staff Updates: - Vicky reported that a problem with the heat at the Expo over the weekend was caused by a failure of IS equipment which is beyond the capacity of Parks to control. Vicky and the part time caretaker on duty worked on Saturday afternoon to rectify the problem by overriding the computer and heat was restored.
12. Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m..
13. Next Meeting Agenda Items: Bike/Ped plan, C.U.P., Breezewood deadline, Approval of Revised Agreement between DNR and County for Operation of Tribal Heritage Trail, Review of Concessionaire Contract
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 9:56 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
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Winnebago County Parks/Sunnyview Expo Center