

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center

Present: Steve Binder, Rachael Dowling, Jim Ponzer, Karen Powers

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager, Jim Erdman, Rob Racherus

1. Call to order:

Karen Powers called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Jim Ponzer seconded.  
Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of November 14, 2023 Minutes:

2, 3, 4, should be 3-0.

Jim Erdman and David Kane also present.

Rachael Dowling moved to approve the minutes and Jim Ponzer seconded.  
Motion carried 4-0.

4. Public Comment:

Jim Erdman, Town of Oshkosh Chair, wants the Wiouwash opened to ATVs for ice access.  
Rob Racherus, Oshkosh Resident, wants the Wiouwash opened to ATVs for ice access.

5. **Discussion/Action** – Ordinance Modification Chapter 19.27

The ordinance change would allow for the Parks Department to allow or deny use if needed. It will allow the department to be more flexible if damage is being done to the trail system or if there is a conflict among users.

The Town of Oshkosh is requesting the Parks Department to allow for ATV use from December to February along the WIOUWASH Trail from West Wind Road to the first bridge for access to Lake Butte des Morts. ATVs will be allowed to access the ice via the Wiouwash Trail on this section of the trail for a trial period this winter.

Steve Binder made a motion to recommend to the County Board to authorize the ordinance revisions to Chapter 19.27 as proposed in exhibit A. Seconded by Rachael Dowling. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Park Director Updates:

- Grundman Boat Landing Construction Update – Electric is connected, will be turned on soon. Project will go into spring a bit to test water and pump. 99% complete.

- Netzer Home Project Update – The house and barn have been removed. Going to try to get water hooked up for garden.
- Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – Should have draft plan by January. Goal is to present spirit fund, capital plan, and CORP in January.

7. Committee Comments:

Steve Binder – Park repaired quickly and is looking nice.

Rachael Dowling – No comment.

Jim Ponzer – No comment.

Karen Powers – No comments.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, January 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.

9. Future Agenda Items:

Capital projects

10. Adjournment

Steve Binder made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jim Ponzer.

Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justin DeJager