

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, October 24, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

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

Also Present: Adam Breest, Rick Helms, Justin DeJager

1. Call to order:

Mike Norton called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Jim Ponzer seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of September 26, 2022 Minutes:

Jim Ponzer moved to approve the minutes and Karen Powers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment:

David Kane, Winnebago County Resident – The County Board should give people more time to talk. Thanked the County Parks department for the work on the Grundman Boat Landing. Would like the Parks Department to conduct a large community survey.

5. **Discussion/Decision** – 2023-2025 Sunnyview Expo Utility Fees

Rick Helms discussed. Currently one flat rate for all events at Expo Center. Utility fees were only set through 2022. Made a determination to create fee scale based on location and/or scope of event. WPS fees are up 8% this year.

How do our fees compare to other event venues in the area? Need to be competitively priced. Parks Department should revisit the fee scale next year.

Karen Powers made a motion that Chapter 19: Exhibit A: Sunnyview Exposition Center Rental Fees Schedule of the General Code of Winnebago County be revised to add the proposed utility fees for 2023, 2024, 2025 and modify the rental fee of equipment. Steve Binder seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Discussion/Presentation** – 2023-2027 Parks Department Capital Improvement Plan

Reviewed the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks Department. Upcoming projects include Grundman Boat Landing improvements, automatic pay stations at boat landings, and Waukau Dam improvements. Waukau Dam was moved up due to the condition of the area. Requested ARPA funds for pay stations, Waukau Dam, Expo Center Phase 2. Would like to see Community Park taken off well water and connect to city water.

7. **Discussion** – Parks and Recreation Committee County Board Survey Results

Reviewed the survey results. 12 responses. Most responses were favorable toward the park. Would like to get more results for future surveys.

8. Staff Updates:

Adam – Asylum Point Park area is getting a lot of work done by the DNR, including new storage building. Buoys have been removed. Going to revise the agreement with Solid Waste for the Ken Robl property. Emergency Management would like to put generator at Expo. Parks has tentatively received grant funding from DNR for the Grundman Boat Landing, it is currently under review.

Rick – Booking new events for next year and talking with other potential events. Working with horse groups to determine what the Expo can improve on to make horse shows better. LED lights and gutters will go in next spring.

Justin – Boat launch fees are being tallied, sales went well. Online system works great.

9. Committee Member's Updates:

Mike Norton – No comment.

Rachael Dowling – No comment.

Steve Binder – Look into grants to restock the ponds at Community Park and Ken Robl.

Jim Ponzer – No comment.

Karen Powers – How is water at Ken Robl being treated? Just being treated for weeds currently.

10. Next Meeting Date:

November 28 at 3:30 p.m. at the J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B. The December meeting will be moved to the 19th.

11. Future Agenda Items:

- No comment.

12. Adjournment

Karen Powers made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jim Ponzer. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager