

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: October 12, 2010
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.
Excused – Travis Swanson.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Bob Lohry – Winnebago County Parks Dept.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m..
2. Approval of September 14, 2010 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the Sept. 14 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comments – none
4. At this time item #11 was moved up the agenda to allow time to set up for show of a DOT produced DVD. Vicky Redlin reported that Autumn Fest 2010 was a modest success. Total expenses for advertising were \$1,122.92, food and other items \$678.41. Total revenues were \$3,083.15 giving a net profit of \$1,281.82. Attendance was approximately 385 and has been declining annually. A donation from M&I Bank of \$327.58 towards the event was greatly appreciated. At this time the event is being reevaluated for possible changes next year. A disc golf tournament is being considered to produce more income. Mike Norton stated that he liked the idea of doing something in the Park for the event. Tom Konetzke stated that doing something with disc golf is a good idea.
5. Approval of Mascoutin Trail Easement – Rob Way went over the history of the easement request. It is for an underground power line that will be bored under the trail. Mike Norton moved to approve the easement. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Approval of submittal of WDNR Brownfield Site Assessment Grant for Breezewood Trail Property – Rob Way explained the need for grant approval to help fund demolishing the decrepit buildings on the site which may contain noxious wastes, asbestos or other carcinogens. Underground fuel storage container(s) may also be present on the property. A study of what is involved in the process is needed to eliminate any danger from removal of contaminants. The grant will fund 80% of the cost. That amount, depending on the study, could include removal of the contaminants and demolishing the buildings. There is no rush to remove the structures as they are secure and signed in accordance with possible liability issues. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the submittal of a grant. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Budget Transfer in response to N.R.P.A. Conference Expenses – Rob Way explained the need to transfer funding for Loren Dieck to attend the National Parks Association conference. This conference is located in Minneapolis this year and travels around the country annually. This is the closest it has been to Winnebago County in over a decade. There are many items on the agenda that will prove very informative and helpful for this department. The amount needed is \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of the conference. Loren Dieck will make a report to the committee on the conference upon his return. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Budget Transfer - Replacement of Boat Landing Parking Permit Program Laptop – Rob Way explained the necessity of replacing the current laptop. The funds will be taken from the Boat Launch Permit fund. Mike Norton moved to approve the purchase. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Parks Director's Updates: Review of '04 R.C. Flyers Club Departure; Butte des Morts Bridge Trail Update – Rob Way went over the issues that led to the departure of the RC Flyer's in 2004. In addition to the need for more camping areas in the wake of CUSA and Lifest there was a problem with encroachment from horse shows and other events which affected the Flyer's rules regarding distance for fly-overs. Next, Rob mentioned that together with Bob Lohry, they had recently met with representatives from the WDNR and WDOT in order to go over any concerns that Parks might have regarding the redesign of the Lake Butte des Morts bridge trail included in with the Hwy. 41 reconstruction project. Rob reminded the committee that once the bridge is reconstructed, the WDOT will turn over ownership of the bridge trail corridor to the WDNR. It will then follow that the WDNR will enter into an agreement with the County for Parks to manage and maintain the bridge trail in a manner similar to other recognized state trail routes. Rob indicated that the WDOT had no issue with changing several of the trail features included in the construction plan in order to simplify and lessen the eventual costs involved in maintaining the facilities. Rob proceeded to show a WDOT DVD on the new plans for the trail over the Lake Butte des Morts causeway bridge. They included the installation of up to twelve 30' ± X 30' ± node areas along the path where informational stone tablets will be installed. Eleven of the tablets will contain written background information describing each of the eleven Wisconsin Indian tribes. The timeline for this project, which is fully funded by the WDOT, is out to 2014. At the time of completion the trail will be turned over to this department for maintenance. Also at the time of completion the lease for the WIOWASH portion through the city of Oshkosh will be vacated and the city will become responsible for the maintenance of that portion. This should make up for the additional maintenance required for the new bridge portion of the trail.
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: Dog Park – Chairman Finch updated the committee on 3 new areas he putting forth for committee consideration for the proposed development of a north county dog park. He toured these facilities with a Town of Menasha official and would like the committee to tour them next month. The kiosk that will be placed at the spot of the Public Enemies filming needs photos, but there is licensing involved. Options were discussed to obtain photos and memorabilia from the movie for the kiosk. Rob Way will contact the Oshkosh Public Museum to see if they have any items that we could use or copy.
11. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton questioned if any info had been obtained on outdoor fitness equipment. The upcoming conferences should yield some information. He also stated his opposition to privatization or sale of parks lands for operational funding. Tom Konetzke asked if there were outdoor movie nights that the park could possibly host. There are two separate movie nights in Oshkosh and one in Neenah.
12. Staff Updates: Autumn Fest Report – moved ahead on agenda.
13. Future Agenda Items: - Lifest meeting, kiosk for Public Enemies, outdoor fitness equipment, prospective dog park sites and tour, Autumn Fest/Rummage Sale/Disc Golf Tourney.
14. Next Meeting Date – regular meeting November 9 at 8:30 a.m. meeting for tour of prospective dog park sites November 16 at 8:30 a.m..
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 9:57 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Sunnyview Expo Center Asst. Mgr.