

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date & Time of Meeting: Monday March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin – Meeting Rm. B
625 E Cty Rd Y – Oshkosh WI

PRESENT: Tom Konetzke, Steve Binder, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton. Excused: Jerry Finch.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks

MINUTES

1. Call to order – Vice Chairman Konetzke called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Approval of Agenda – Mike Norton moved to approve the agenda and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Approval of February 24th, 2020 Minutes - Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the February meeting minutes and Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters - none
5. Approval of Budget Transfer for Funding of Proposed Expo Camping Facilities & Storm Water Management Improvements Project - Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 Rob recommended that this item be taken up again at a more advantageous time. No action taken.
6. Approval of Amendment made to Expo Center Exhibit “C” Administrative Directive Regarding Reimbursement of Rental Fees due to an Emergency Declaration – Vicky noted that this item clarifies the current wording but takes into consideration the current situation with quarantines. Mike Norton moved to approve the amendment and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Discussion of City of Neenah’s Request for Consideration of Funding Assistance in Development of Fresh Air Park - Will be brought up at a future meeting when City of Neenah Parks representative could be present.
8. Approval of Submittal of Application made to the WDNR for County Conservation Aids – Rob explained the additional amount of \$2,500 is available to bring the total to \$5,000. This amount will go toward repairing the initial damage from the flooding last spring and fall. He met with the DNR dam specialist who is working to find out options for future prevention of flood damage. Mike Norton moved to approve the submittal and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Parks Director’s Updates: Coronavirus related Park matters – With the eminent emergency order soon to be declared by the Governor giving the State a shelter at home status, the Parks Committee come to a consensus that, if appropriate, the Community Park should be closed until further notice beginning with the official order from the State and ending with the State’s

official lifting of the order. Rob also reported that signage will be posted at facilities stating the closure, portable toilets will be removed and other restrooms will not open at this time. The expo events scheduled in March and April have been either cancelled or rescheduled. Deposits will be honored for rescheduling purposes. Shelter rentals have been slow and so far no one has requested a cancellation or rescheduling. The expo may be called into action by Emergency Management as a shelter or inoculation site, though that remains up in the air at this time. The switching of the buoys from the Radtke compound to Oshkosh Dock & Lift is taking place today. The north county dog park must be surveyed to solve the issue of ownership of the numerous properties that make up the parcel. Interviews for the two caretaker positions remains scheduled for 3/27/20. No seasonals have been interviewed at this time. If it becomes necessary, Rob will provide phone updates on his county office line.

10. Committee Chairman's Update: Tom Konetzke stated that caution should be used when reopening facilities after this initial closure. Any word from Lifest? None.
11. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder questioned the fair contract and the issuance of a beer license for the entire property during their event. Vicky has not heard back from the fair on either item. Larry Lautenschlager and Mike Norton – no report.
12. Staff Updates: none
13. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: April 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.. Status updates re. Parks' continuing COVID-19 response(s), expo phase 1 bond issue , Fresh Air Park.
14. Adjournment – Vice Chairman Konetzke called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 11:05 a.m..

Vicky Redlin
Program Manager