

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, April 16, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting: **Coughlin Building –Volunteer Rm.**
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

Present: Jerry Finch, Steve Binder, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke. Excused - Larry Lautenschlager.
Also present: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis, Rick Helms- Winnebago County Parks.
James Wise – District 27 Supervisor Winnebago County Board.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the agenda. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2018 – Tom Konetzke moved to approve the March 19th minutes. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda – none.
5. Review and possible Approval of Town of Neenah Dog Park Lease – Rob went over the final rendition of the lease agreement as approved by Corporation Counsel. There were only a few minor changes including the start date of the lease from 6/1/18 to 7/1/18. The date change is due to the delay in getting the matter before the Town of Neenah’s Planning Commission. Rob explained that Exhibit B is a condensed version of the 35 page presentation that went before Town officials some years ago. The subject matter in Exhibit B primarily deals with how the dog park will be operated and maintained. Changes can still be made today prior to formal approval as long as nothing is added that may need further Corporation Counsel approval. A chart logging the 2.5% interest amounts compounded over the 25 year lease term was given out for reference. Rob noted that the Consumer Price index is about 1 point below 2.5. Mike Norton moved to approve the contract. Steve Binder seconded. Discussion ensued regarding items #4 and #35 of the lease. Mike Norton moved to amend the contract to eliminate item #35 and change the interest rate noted in #4 to 1.5%. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Motion on contract approval as amended 4-0.
6. Parks Director’s Updates: Status of Grandstand Complex Renovation Project – Rob reported that the stage slab has been poured and that steel delivery by is scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday. The bid opening for the County’s portion of the project, the grading, is tomorrow afternoon. Construction is still on schedule even with the snow storm over this past weekend. Staff is working on a marketing plan for the area and Ayres is putting together a concept drawing. With the reported growth of Lifest at 23% prior to the announcement of the stage being built, the 6% annual growth rate that was figured into the amount of property needed for future expansion of camping areas is already well ahead of schedule. The Netzer property remains an option with a purchase of the entire property recommended. This will require a more complex offer. There are also some opportunities to partner with other entities on this purchase. The price for the property is not coming down due to one of the family members not agreeing to lower it. After discussions with a couple of area developers it was

noted that the property did not gain much interest due to its location and the fact that it contains wet land areas.

7. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch reported that he will invite a DOT representative and the Sheriff to give their opinions on ingress/egress to the Marweide property that the County recently purchased in case a dog park agreement cannot be made with the Town of Neenah and another location is required.
8. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder asked for an update on the progress of the soccer shelter rebuild and the opening of the Ken Robl Nature Area. Rob responded that the amount requested for any overage was cut considerably at the Personnel and Finance (P&F) Committee meeting. The \$85,000.00 was cut to \$25,000.00 which covers the contingency only. The color choice is the only thing left to approve. The committee consensus is to go with the green color that will match the other shelters in the park. Rob will contact Eileen McCoy about the opening of the nature area. Mike Norton reported that he attended the Personnel and Finance committee meeting and that the committee stated that if more money was needed for the soccer shelter project that the Parks can come back to ask for more. He also noted that during the P&F, one of the members, Harold Singstock, expressed a great deal of interest in pursuing action that would tie the Facilities Director and the Property & Facilities Management Committee into future Parks and Expo building projects. It was noted by the County Board Chairman at the meeting that such consultation is a staff decision and that a resolution was approved some time ago by the County Board where the Facilities Department is in charge of only electrical, plumbing and HVAC services within the Parks. Tom Konetzke stated that he hoped the relationship with the OYSC group will not be tarnished by the actions at the P&F Committee meeting. He also asked if any expansion was allowed with the amount approved? Rob stated that no the contingency was the only thing that will be covered.
9. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis stated that over the weekend with the extreme snow the 25 year old equipment took a beating and several pieces are in need of major repair. He will tabulate the costs and provide a dollar amount to the next meeting. Vicky Redlin reported that the Expo Economic Impact Survey and the Stan & Phil's Parks Adventures promos are both running. Rick Helms reported that the weather impacted the dartball tourney this past weekend forcing them to cancel their Sunday event. There is a hip hop concert coming in this weekend to the expo.
10. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: May 21, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.. Itinerary for Parks tour.
11. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 3:26 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager