

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee  
Date of Meeting & Time: Thursday May 16, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.  
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center – Conference Room D  
625 E Cty Rd Y.  
Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Tom Konetzke, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Steve Binder  
Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Rick Helms, Tom  
McInnis. Winnebago County Hwy. Commissioner Ray Palonen, Winnebago County Health  
Dept. ReThink Coordinator – Emily Dieringer, State of WI Representative Amanda Struck.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the agenda. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of April 15, 2019 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the April 15 meeting minutes. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters - none
5. Discussion and possible Action on Resolution Endorsing Repeal of Wisconsin Statute 32.015 Regarding use of Condemnation for Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Projects – Ms. Struck noted the differences in two bills, copies of which were passed out, that are pending introduction to the State Legislature. One bill goes too far and one not far enough in her opinion. Mike Norton stated that he would like to discuss adding to the weaker of the two bills and endorsing its introduction. The latest bill was removed from the Governor’s budget by Senate Republicans. Ray Palonen stated that the County Road A shared use path that was designated for installation with the reconstruction of the roadway and designed into the project, had to be dropped when the bill eliminating the county’s ability to use eminent domain was rescinded. The funding could be cut from the entire project if the shared use path installation was to remain in the project. He also stated that bicycle and pedestrian transportation opportunities must be addressed in rural areas as there is an ever increasing amount of these types of transportation being used. Until this law is repealed there will be no shared use paths included in any county highway designs due to potential loss of funding. A complete repeal would be the only way to guarantee funding. Emily Dieringer has been meeting with local State Legislators for over a year on this issue. Mr. Palonen also stated that if public right of ways fell under a new proposal the need for funding along county highways would be taken care of. Tom Konetzke commented that landowners should be compensated for the property that is being taken. It was further noted that landowners are compensated at fair market value and can appeal the amount offered in court. Steve Binder stated that this type of law is needed for municipalities to continue to grow and provide multi-modal transportation to their constituents. Mike Norton asked that committee members come back to the next meeting with ideas for rewording the current proposals. Ms. Struck stated that her office will draft a bill and forward it to this committee for review and comment in time for the next committee meeting.

6. Discussion and possible Action on Resolution Supporting Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program - Rob went over the resolution to be sent to Madison for consideration with the State budget. He explained that this fund is widely used for conservation efforts by municipalities and it the only one of its kind available for such purposes. The Shan-gri-la site was purchased via this funding. The fund was created in 1989 and has been renewed twice since its founding. It is up for renewal again in 2020. The WPRA is supplying a template for this resolution. Upon approval it will go to the Winnebago County Legislative Committee, then on to the State Legislature and the Governor. Steve Binder moved to approve the resolution. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Discussion and possible Action on Installation of No Smoking Signage on Parks Properties – Rob reported that in his research on the subject there was one department out of twelve attending the last NEWPRO meeting that has a ban in place. There are no ordinances or rules of this type in Winneconne, Neenah or Menasha. Oshkosh has a park rule in place that is executed by city park staff. The enforcement of such an ordinance has been questioned. Mike Norton stated that he would like to have these signs erected in the Community Park, in a similar way to the city of Oshkosh’s sign placement, at ball diamonds, playgrounds and other areas where people congregate around kids. Emily Dieringer added that the rule is mainly self-enforced and meant to raise awareness that smoking around kids is unhealthy. Rob noted that all current County Park regulations are by ordinance, there are no ‘park rules’ per se. Larry Lautenschlager stated that no smoking postings by playgrounds is acceptable to him but not elsewhere. Tom Konetzke questioned the definition of ‘around kids’. Mike Norton moved to approve putting up no smoking signs within the Community Park. No second. Motion failed.
8. Determination by Consensus of City of Neenah Request for Consideration in Waiving of Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing Parking Permit Fees for a Segment of Boaters Participating in a June 23rd – 29<sup>th</sup> Fishing Tournament – Rob explained that the City of Neenah Parks Director Mike Kading requested this waiver. The waiver would apply only to those boaters who have a current City of Neenah permit and cannot launch from the launches that may be overfull from a tournament taking place on these dates. This is not for the tournament itself. There has been a precedent set previously with the City of Oshkosh when the OCVB purchased boat launch parking permits to give to tournament fishermen during a City of Oshkosh sponsored tournament. Corporation Counsel asked for the committee to weigh in on this issue. Osh-o-Nee would be the only landing site effected and only during the tournament days. Park Rangers would be instructed to honor the city of Neenah permits during this time. It is not anticipated that there will be a significant impact on revenue or change current use of the facility. Current ordinances allow the Parks Director to waive fees at his/her discretion. Mike Norton, Steve Binder and Larry Lautenschlager stated that a one-time only waiver requested by a municipality for a limited number of days effecting only one landing would be acceptable. Mike Norton moved to approve the recognition of City of Neenah boat launch permits only at Osh-o-nee landing during the tournament dates of June 23-29, 2019 only. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Member Input on Parks Committee’s Annual Parks Property Tour – Use regular meeting date June 17, 2019. North County Dog Park site, Netzer Property, Stroud Property, Waukau Dam site. Steve Binder asked if carts could be used at Stroud to get a better view of the property.
10. Parks Director’s Updates: Stroud and North County Dog Park Plot Surveys, Development of DNR MOU and update on Brown County Fairground Development Plans. – The Stroud property and the North County Dog Park are currently being mapped for inclusion in the lease. A rough map of the dog park site was passed out. A timeline of approximately a month for the signature of the leases is anticipated. Larry Lautenschlager excused 3:10 p.m.. No small dog area is being designed at this time. An MOU with the DNR regarding paid parking in the Community Park is

being worked on. A map of the master plan for the Brown County Fairgrounds was passed out and basic information on the project was provided. The total project in Brown County is \$26 million. The soccer shelter overage amount has been approved by Personnel and Finance. The main focus of discussion with the shortage on the amount of insurance coverage.

11. Committee Chairman's Updates: priority going forward is North County Dog Park
12. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton – none. Tom Konetzke –none. Steve Binder asked for an accounting of the amounts parks has spent on the Ken Robl Conservation Park for reimbursement by the Solid Waste Dept. as previously agreed.
13. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis – the south park sign has been refurbished, the corrections crew helped get the parks up and running for the season by helping do brushing in the park, along the Axel Tech property on the WIOUWASH and replacement of the decking on the Breezewood bridge. Seasonals are starting up. Rick Helms – had to leave, no report. Vicky Redlin – reported that a Stan is missing and a marketing scheme has been designed around the missing park marketing tool. BikeOsh took place 5/11 and was a big success. Parks had a booth with additional input from ReThink for the event. PGI is taking shape through an alternate route of staff involvement. Red Rock is having issues booking and may not pan out. Staff is seeking other arrangements and is meeting with a possible marketing agency that can enumerate the sponsorship opportunities and values at the Sunnyview Stadium.
14. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: June 17, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m. for park tour.
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Steve Binder moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
Program Manager