

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date & Time of Meeting: Monday May 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin – Conference Rm. B
625 E Cty Rd Y – Oshkosh WI

PRESENT: Tom Konetzke, Steve Binder, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Jerry Finch.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis, Rick Helms – Winnebago County Parks.
Stephanie Pierra de Silva – citizen.

1. Call to order – Vice Chairman Konetzke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Mike Norton moved to approve the agenda and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of March 23rd, 2020 Minutes – Mike Norton moved to approve the February meeting minutes and Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Update on Parks Committee Structure – Jerry Finch has officially rendered his resignation as the chair of the Parks Committee on the advice of Corp. Counsel due to the fact his grandson has been hired as a full-time parks caretaker at the expo center. The county board voted to wait until July 2020 to elect officers for all committees due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Thus Vice Chair Konetzke will be taking over the chairperson duties until then. Jerry will remain a parks committee member but must recuse himself if any decisions regarding full time parks caretaker positions come before the committee.
5. Public Comment relevant to Parks related matters – Stephanie Pierra de Silva spoke about trash in the park. Tom McInnis explained that the Park Ordinance is for ‘carry in and carry out’ of all trash and has been in place for all parks properties since 2002. This has worked well for the parks and no additional trash receptacles are planned for placement in the Community Park. The waste cans put out at the softball diamonds are put out and emptied by ORD not the Park. There has been a lot of dog feces found on grassy areas, the soccer fields, and other parts of the park away from the shared use path, along with discarded bags full of feces left by dog walkers along the path. New signage regarding where dogs on leashes can be walked will be put up within the next few weeks and were not put up right away to avoid confusion with the roadway being left open for people to exercise with social distancing requirements during the Safer at Home order. The Committee requested that a report be made at a subsequent meeting regarding the presence of dog feces after the signage has been put up.
6. Discussion and possible action taken regarding City of Neenah’s request for consideration of Funding Assistance in Development of Fresh Air Park - City of Neenah Parks Director Mike Kading gave an overview of the proposed project. A token amount of funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 was suggested. Steve Binder stated that county funds should be spent on the buildings in need of repair/replacement in Winnebago County facilities first. Mike Norton is open to a donation. Larry Lautenschlager questioned the cost of the proposed restroom facility. Jerry Finch would like funds to go towards a property not in the city of Oshkosh. Mike Norton requested that a resolution be brought to the next meeting requesting \$10,000 from the county general fund towards the restroom facility that would not be given to the project until it is completed some time in 2021.
7. Approval of Budget Transfer needed to address higher than anticipated Construction Costs associated with Asylum Point Bridge Replacement Bid Returns – Rob went over the bids

received. Costs have risen in the 1 ½ years since the project was initiated. Steve Binder stated he is against spending \$280,000 for a bridge. He would like to revisit putting in a wooden bridge using the pilings that are currently in place. Mike Norton would like to pass this transfer along in case there is an issue with a different approach and let the P&F committee and or county board decide since visible projects help to bring in revenue. Rob noted that changing the scope of the project could jeopardize the \$100,000.00 grant funding already awarded from the DNR for the project. Steve Binder moved to table the transfer and re-examine requesting a quote for a wooden bridge at next month's meeting. Jerry Finch seconded. Motion carried 3-2.

8. Approval of Submittal of City of Oshkosh Application pertaining to County's request for Rezoning of a Portion of the Expo Grounds – Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the submittal and Steve Binder seconded. Rob explained that this is necessary in order for the expo master planning to go ahead without incorporating the landscaping and other requirements from the city. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Update and discussion regarding Parks COVID related response(s) – Rob reported that with no formal direction from either the State or Federal governments that individual municipalities are researching what can be done. As of right now Winnebago County Parks is following the State Park current plan which is being updated and forwarded to the appropriate State department for approval some time this week. Larry Lautenschlager excused 11:15a.m.
10. Approval of Budget Transfer to facilitate Funding of Consultant Fees needed in development of a Master Plan for Grundman Park/Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing – Steve Binder moved to approve and Jerry Finch seconded. A citizen's group is pressing for improvements to be made to the parking and traffic routing which they feel was a poor if not hazardous design in the first place. This master plan will be funded using separate boat launch permit funds. Wetland delineation and a survey are included in the \$24, 410.00 cost. Motion carried 4-0.
11. Approval of Budget Transfer involving acceptance of Donation for Memorial Park Bench – bench is for Netzer Nature Area. Mike Norton moved to approve and Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Update and discussion regarding North County Dog Park – Rob reported that with no formal records for deeds that cover the entire Ehlers & Jacobsen Roads property that Parks is opting to push ahead using what little information has been uncovered using the DOT, the Register of Deeds, the Hwy. Dept., the Village of Fox Crossings, and a title company. The project will go forward using quick claim deeds presented to the DOT and Village of Fox Crossings. Rob has a meeting set for tomorrow with a surveyor from the firm that put together the concept design plan for the property.
13. Parks Director's Updates: PGI status – PGI has objected to several standard clauses in the expo lease agreement. A meeting is planned for Thursday. Expo Master Plan/improvements project – the project has been scaled back on paper and with outside estimates to provide an amount to request at a later date. WIUWASH Trail transfer of City trail section – moving forward with a meeting with the M&E surveyor tomorrow. There are some issues with the buoys regarding locations and drifting into shore that are being worked on as well as an ongoing conversation that is being held between Parks and the city of Menasha regarding placement of the buoys in the Menasha Channel. Waukau Dam is in need of repairs and a permanent solution for the damages that come about from flooding every few years. A master plan should be done for this facility with the pond remaining intact. Jerry Finch excused 11:45 a.m..
14. Committee Chairman's Update: none
15. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder questioned old street lights within the park and whether they can be removed; Rob will be looking into the situation. He also questioned an

16. old pile of brush that is bothering a neighbor on the west side of the property. Mike Norton suggested a park tour later this summer.
17. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that a drive-in movie event is being looked into for the stadium and that if it is to go ahead, it would be put-on in conjunction with Cumulus Broadcasting and the OCVB. The date would be June 22 pending approval from the County Exec. Tom McInnis reported that Tyler Resop was hired as a full-time caretaker, the dog park has had extensive repairs done to the pathway, drainage and grass seeding while it was shut down and is now open, soccer shelter exterior drainage has been corrected and the asphalt aprons at Butte des Morts landing are in along with bollards. Rick Helms reported that the cement blocks have almost all been installed for the Community Gardens and snow fence will be put in as weather permits, work to open grounds is a little behind schedule as no corrections crew was available due to the Covid pandemic, there are no events scheduled for the next 6 weeks, LED upgrades are being done at a considerable cost savings inside the expo building.
18. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: June 15, 2020 a 9:00 a.m.. PGI, expo improvements, Stroud property, north dog park, Asylum Bridge quote, Fresh Air park resolution and COVID 19 update.
19. Adjournment – Steve Binder moved to adjourn and Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager