

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday June 17, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center –Main Parking Lot
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 Health Dept. ReThink Coordinator – Emily Dieringer

MINUTES

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve today’s agenda. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the agenda. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Recess meeting for tour of Parks properties with intent to reconvene at approx. 11:55 a.m. at PAPPAS’ Café, Neenah. Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn for the Parks Facilities Tour. Mike Norton moved to adjourn for the tour. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned for Parks Facility Tour at 8:32 a.m.. Tour itinerary and tentative timelines: Leave Coughlin Building parking lot at approx. 8:35 a.m. and proceed to Expo grounds – arrive at Sunnyview Stadium at approx. 8:40 a.m. Following a tour of the stadium and Expo grounds, at approx. 10:25 a.m. proceed to Community Park with a stopover at the Soccer Complex arriving at approx.. 10:30 a.m.. Depart for Asylum Point at 10:45 a.m. – arrive at Asylum Point at approx. 10:50a.m.. Leave Asylum Point Park at approx. 11:00 a.m. and proceed to WDOT’s Jacobsen & Ehlers Road property – arrive at Jacobsen & Ehlers Road site at approx. 11:15 a.m. Following a tour of Jacobsen & Ehlers Road site leave for PAPPAS’ Café at approx. 11:45 a.m. Arrive at PAPPAS’ Café, 1360 S. Commercial Neenah, at 11:55 a.m..
4. Reconvene Meeting – Chairman Finch called for a motion to reconvene. Mike Norton moved to reconvene. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at Pappas’ Café’ at 12:18 p.m..
5. Approve Committee Minutes of May 16, 2019 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the minutes. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion of Matters Relating to Parks Properties Tour (if any) - none
7. Development of Consensus Position on State Legislation involving Eminent Domain – Emily Dieringer went over a handout that shows 4 options for additions to a bill submitted by Roth & Rohkaste regarding the eminent domain law for the State. It was decided that the Committee supports a definition of Shared Use Path to match that of the Federal Government and ADA Law which would dictate that the power of condemnation would be allowed for shared use paths. The Committee also supports as a second to adding a definition of Shared Use Path wording allowing use of eminent domain on trails not along a public right of way and except where no practicable alternative exists. Emily will bring the Committee’s ideas back to the State-wide committee at their July meeting. The next step is to form a resolution to approve for the Committee to pass onto the County Legislative Committee then the County Board for action.

8. Budget Transfer Addressing Acceptance of Disney – NRPA Grant Funding – Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the transfer of \$30,000 for the grant. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Approval of Multi-year Expo Rental Agreement – Rob explained that the WHBA is a long term good client. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the contract. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Discussion of Items Relating to Proposed Parks `20 Budget - Rob outlined the proposal to eliminate 4 seasonal positions to allow for the hiring of 2 full time year round positions. The seasonal model is not working with the current employee shortage along with the quality and skill sets of applicants not meeting requirements. This scenario is not changing in the foreseeable future. Other departments around the state are encountering the same issues with seasonal staff. The difference in the budgeted amounts for the positions eliminated and the full time positions will have to be made up in the operational budget for 2020 and beyond.
11. Parks Directors Update: Stadium Promoter RFP – this went out today from Purchasing to a list of possible interested parties. It will be out for 2 weeks.
12. Committee Chairman’s Updates: none
13. Committee Member’s Updates: Mike Norton noted the loss of events from Oshkosh that is currently a topic on FB. Steve Binder asked about a timeline for the north dog park lease. Rob estimates a month for County approvals and then late August for WDOT approval provided things are not held-up in the DOT Madison offices.
14. Staff Updates: PGI Update – currently putting together a proposal with OCVB that will deviate from the norm by having revenue derived from parking and camping. Once final percentages are worked out a report will be made to the Committee.
15. Recess meeting in order to continue tour of Parks properties with intent to reconvene at between 3:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.. Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn for continuation of the Park Facility Tour. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn to continue the tour. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0. 1:18 p.m.. Larry Lautenschlager excused. Leave PAPPAS Café at approx. 1:20 p.m. and proceed to 5522 Grandview Rd. property with approx. arrival time of 1:40 p.m.. Tour site and subsequently leave 5522 Grandview Rd. at 2:40 p.m.. Return to the Coughlin Building main parking lot at approx. 3:15 p.m..
16. Reconvene meeting outside of the Coughlin Building in the main parking lot. Chairman Finch called for a motion to reconvene. Tom Konetzke moved to reconvene. Jerry Finch seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m..
17. Future Agenda Items – Town of Winchester Board planning commission on Stroud Property, eminent domain bill rewording.
18. Next Meeting Date (*note – consideration of alt. date needed due to likely conflict with July 15th date) July 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m..
19. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager