

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: July 18, 2016 @ 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

Present: Parks Committee- Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke, Larry Lautenschlager, Steve Binder
Also Present: Rob Way, Tom McInnis, Winnebago County Parks, and Supervisor Karen Powers

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM
2. Approval of the minutes of the June 20th 2016 meeting. Tom Konetzke moved to approve, Mike Norton seconded, Motion carried 5-0
3. Public Comments – No Comments
4. Discussion on Promoting Development of a Walking Path from Parkview into the Community Park – Mike Norton asked how to approach development of a trail from Park View Health Center to the Shared Use Path in the Community Park. Rob Way said that he had checked with the current Parkview administrator and, as with the past PVHC administrators, Marleah voiced the same concerns over PVHC security. Tom Konetzke asked if the residents of PVHC would use it and Rob indicated that while Marleah hadn't polled the residents about path usage, she did conduct an informal survey of many of the employees and found that very few of them said they would take advantage of such a path. Mike Norton asked if more information could be provided about the security concerns. Jerry Finch would like to talk to the PVHC Committee about the possibility of a trail to PVHC.
5. Approval of Bench Donation at Boom Bay Boat Landing – Rob Way asked for approval of a \$1,590 donation for a bench to be installed at the Boom Bay landing. Jerry Finch showed an example of the bench. Tom Konetzke had concerns over vandalism and Rob Way responded by informing the Committee that with the biggest threat of vandalism coming from spray painting episodes, the benches respond very well to being cleaned-up by staff through use of a mild cleaning agent. Tom Konetzke moved to accept, Steve Binder Seconded. Carried 5-0
6. Report on DNR's Life Jacket Loaner Board Program – Rob Way explained the Life Jacket Loaner program developed by the DNR. He went on to explain how an Eagle Scout Project is underway with the scout candidate engaged in efforts to position a life jacket loaner board at Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing. Rob went on to inform the Committee that similar boards are presently in place at a Neenah boat launch and at the Winneconne Boat Landing. Tom Konetzke asked about the quality of the life jackets and Rob responded by informing him that the jackets are of a mid-line quality. Larry Lautenschlager asked who would pay for the Jackets. Rob Way stated it would be the DNR. Rob Way said he has had good feedback about the program from other sites. He finished by stating that

monitoring of the board would be tasked-out to the rangers who make regular runs through the boat landings on an ever-other-day basis.

7. Update on Mascoutin Valley State Recreation Trail Wine Walk Program – Rob Way explained the program with Vines and Rushes as the sponsor. Green Lakes Greenways will also be involved in the program. October 2nd is the date. The program is still being refined.
8. Chairman's Update - Jerry Finch discussed interviews with LiFest participants. Good comments about the grounds however water availability was a concern. More electricity was requested. Jerry deferred updates about the buoys and Park road to Rob Way. Rob Way stated that the Community Park road project will be wrapping up later in fall and will be on budget. Menasha has once again registered concerns about the positioning of buoys up in the Menasha Channel. Once again, Radtkes addressed the concerns however in their feedback to the department they questioned the accuracy of some of the statements being issued by Menasha.
9. Committee member updates – Mike Norton comment on how impressed he was with LiFest. He thanked staff for their effort in cleaning up the grounds and getting ready for Soccer Saturday in a short time. Steve Binder inquired about an ATV park in the new Ken Robl Nature Area. Rob Way indicated that when the question was initially put to John Rabe at Solid Waste it was Rob's impression that ATV usage would not be allowed due to the possibility that such traffic would wear down the landfill cap(s). He will check with John again. Steve also asked about the outdoor fitness equipment. Rob Way responded by stating that while delivery of the equipment has been made staff is presently researching the make-up of the surface materials to be use. Larry Lautenschlager attended LiFest and gave praise to Parks staff for their help with the event. Tom Konetzke asked about staffing during LiFest, showers and drainage.
10. Tom McInnis discussed what is being done to address EAB and the Ash trees. Rob Way discussed LiFest attendance and camping. Additional space is being looked at.
11. Future Agenda Items: Economic Impact of LiFest on local retailers; Overview of buoy program; Tour of Outdoor Fest for Committee members; and Discussion of WPRA Conference
12. Next Meeting August 15·2016 at 1:30PM
13. Tom Konetzke motion to adjourn, Larry Lautenschlager seconded, 5-0 carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom McInnis