

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee  
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, October 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room  
625 E Cty Rd Y.  
Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Tom Konetzke, Mike Norton, Steve Binder. Excused – Larry Lautenschlager

Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way and Stephanie Pereira Da Silva

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 September 16, 19, 2019 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the September minutes. Steve Binder moved to approve the minutes. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters – Stephanie Pereira Da Silva o spoke in favor of allowing dogs on-leash on the Community Park shared use path. She also put forth her view that some of those opposed to changing the Parks ordinances were misrepresenting aspects of the topic. Stephanie went on to indicated that in her estimate the goose droppings in the Community Park were of much greater concern than what the dogs would leave behind.
5. Given the consensus of the Committee, the Chairman moved agenda Item #6, Discussion and Possible Action on Deferment of Amended Chapter 19.13 for County Board Approval to Facilitate Scheduling of Public Input Meeting Regarding On-leash Access on Parks Properties, ahead of Item #5. After considerable discussion as to the merits of holding a public input meeting after the Committee’s had already approved the amendments proposed for Chapter 19.13, it was decided that a vote would not be held on the matter. As a result, the resolution making changes to the status of on-leash access in certain areas of the County Parks System will continue to be moved forward and subsequently included as an item on the County Board’s October 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda.
6. Discussion and Possible Approval to Proceed with Submittal of Response Indicating County’s Interest in WDOT’s Offer to Sell a 3 Acre Parcel Bordering Hwy. 41 and American Drive – Rob Way provided a brief explanation of the offer made by the WDOT for the County to purchase a 3 acre “remnant property” bordering Hwy. 41 and American Drive. At this time the WDOT only requires that a document be returned to them indicating that the County has an interest in the parcel. At a later point the WDOT will conduct an appraisal and thereafter the County will be provided the first option to submit an offer for the property. By consensus the members indicated that they favored Parks continuing to explore options for acquiring the property.
7. Setting of Date and Time for Public Input Meeting Regarding On-leash Access on Parks Properties, if necessary – With no earlier action taken on convening a public input meeting

regarding expansion of on-leash access on Parks properties, the Committee opted to skip this item.

8. Parks Director's Updates: none
9. Committee Chairman's Update: none
10. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton reminded everyone of the upcoming WPRA Convention. He asked the Director for the approximate depth of the fishing pond in the Community Parks. Rob Way indicated that the deepest portions of the pond average between 10 and 12 feet. Steve Binder mentioned that there is a possibility that the 2020 County Budget might have added funding included to serve as an incentive that would enable the Fair to program upgraded concert entertainment into the stadium facility.
11. Staff Updates: none
12. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: October 21, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.. Stroud Lease, Futurity Horse Show multi-year contract, dog owner's advisory group, and added citizen position to Parks Committee.
13. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m..

Submitted by,  
Rob Way  
Director of Parks & Expo