

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday December 16, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center – Volunteer Rm.
625 E Cty Rd Y.
Oshkosh WI

MINUTES

Present: Jerry Finch, Tom Konetzke, Mike Norton, Steve Binder, Larry Lautenschlager
Also present: Rob Way, Tom McInnis, Rick Helms – Winnebago County Parks

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve today’s agenda. Mike Norton moved to approve the agenda and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of November 18, 2019 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the October minutes and Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Discussion of Options for Programming of Sunnyview Stadium – Rob Way updated the committee on the Sunnyview Stadium and the communications that have been going back and forth between the potential promoter of the facility. Although no formal agreement has yet been reached with Red Rock Productions, staff has been pressing the organization to act quickly in making a decision as to whether-or-not they will be entering into a promoter’s contract with the County. In the meantime, the Department is also continuing to entertain alternatives that may include going with an outside party to provide said programming/promoting services. Steve Binder inquired about the cost of renting the stadium verses the cost of renting the Leach Amphitheater; this information was not immediately available. Larry Lautenschlager expressed his encouragement to staff on going to extraordinary measures if necessary in order to obtain entertainment acts to occupy the Stadium. Jerry Finch asked for a more concrete idea of what is happening at the Stadium. Rob Way said that things could move quickly by the end of the year in regards to the outside party wanting to pursue a contract and that it seemed quite likely that he would have more substantive information to update the Committee on within the next 3 – 4 weeks.
5. Discussion of `20 Expo Grounds Improvement CIP Submittal - Rob Way began by describing how the funding request needed to support the Parks’ original CIP submittal involving the proposed 2020 Phase I Expo grounds improvement project needed to be pared down to fit into the County’s CIP budget ceiling for 2020. Staff is in the process of making the reduction and to expedite submittal of the modified material to the Finance Department. The modifications will require that the long list of expo improvements be done on a more drawn-out timeline. For Phase I the edited list of elements to be addressed in the project include: 1. Improvements made to gravel surfaces in Lots #2, #3 and #4 while also addressing storm water drainage needs throughout; 2. Creating better access to the expo’s back properties through installation of 2,500 feet of gravel road surface; and, 3. Instituting electric service upgrades for the camping areas as well as installing the infrastructure needed to facilitate the

switch-over to a more modern-unified grounds security system. Rob continued by adding that the next set of expo improvements included as part of Phase II will be to address shortfalls in the overall storm water drainage network on the west side of the expo and the need to improve the condition(s) of the various asphalt surface throughout the grounds. The new total to be applied in completing the aforementioned Phase I work is \$2.3± million; Phase II is estimated to be \$5± million. Again, Rob Way is working with the Finance Director to include Phase I in the list of CIP items that the County will be addressing in 2020.

6. Discussion of Parks Department Related Items Appearing on County Board's December 17th Meeting Agenda – Rob Way stated the P&F committee voted 2-3 against the farmhouse lease for the Netzer property. The Committee showed support for the resolution going forward to the County Board
7. Parks Director's Updates: Stroud Property Lease update: Corp Counsel had concerns with the land lease regarding the County's liability in the agreement. Staff hopes that this new development will amount to only a temporary impasse between the parties as other options are being explored to alleviate the Stroud Family's concern with the aforementioned liability matter. WIOUWASH: Staff continues to be in talks with the City of Oshkosh on the transfer of the trail within the City; slow progress is being made. There are boundary issues that require further addressing and possible surveying. Grundman: a group of Citizens are asking for a reconstruction of the parking area and ramp access site to make the lot safer for users. The group has voiced their concern(s) for backing trailers up over a long distance (400 ft.). Talks continue and options are being looked into. North Dog Park: DOT is willing to turn over the often spoke-of Ehlers Road property in Fox Crossing for use as a dog park. Additionally, Rob is presently in discussions with the Village of Fox Crossings in order to find-out how the village would like to handle the issue of leasing or deeding over their portion of property that is also located within the proposed dog park parcel. Further investigative work will be needed in order to facilitate the land transfer transactions.
8. Committee Chairman's Update: none
9. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder asked about the billing for Kenny Robl maintenance and the pond. He also asked about the timeline of the Asylum Point Bridge. Mike Norton talked about his experience at the WPRA Conference highlighting art projects in public spaces.
10. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis stated the Soccer Complex Road/Parking Lot Lighting Project and Soccer Shelter Building Reconstruction Project are still in progress but are moving along and should be finished for spring. Also winter field and brush cuttings are being done in select areas throughout the Parks System. Rick Helms stated long term planning is being developed that include lighting upgrades and grounds adjustments needed to facilitate the PGI event. The user group meeting is Jan 4th, 2020.
11. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: A special meeting will be held Jan 2nd at 9am.. The regular meeting will be held Jan 23rd and 9 a.m..
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Larry Lautenschlager moved to adjourn and Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 2:58 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom McInnis
Parks Manager