

# Agenda Item Report



**Winnebago County**  
*The Wave of the Future*

DATE: January 10, 2023  
TO: Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
FROM: Parks Director  
RE: Chapter 19.23 Camping and Overnight Mooring Revisions

**General Description:** The Parks Department is interested in making changes and modifications to Chapter 19.23 Camping and Overnight Mooring.

**Requested Action:**

We are asking the committee to support the changes to Chapter 19.23 and recommend them to the County Board.

**Procedural Steps:**

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 1/24/23
Action taken:	Vote: 5-0
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting Date: 2/2/23
Action Taken	Vote: 5-0
County Board	Meeting Date: 2/28/23
Action Taken	Vote:

**Background:**

The Winnebago County Parks Department is interested in offering overnight camping opportunities throughout the year. We would like to begin offering a few opportunities in 2023 as a way to increase revenues and see if we can make the model work.

There are also modifications within the code that are needed. When the code was modified several years ago, the intent was to offer overnight camping with no registration required. This was not successful. However, the code still reflects the ability to overnight camp at the Sunnyview Exposition Center without any form of pre-reservation.

**Justification:**

In 2022, the Parks Department finished the capital improvement project for the Sunnyview Exposition Center East Campus Improvements. These improvements included upgrading our electrical camping areas and adding two more electrical camping lots. This has doubled our electric camping capacity. We would like to begin offering a few opportunities in 2023 as a way to increase revenues and see if we can make the model work. Our goal would be to offer onsite camping for Air venture.

**Attachments:**

- Ordinance
- Exhibit A