

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2013
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Meeting Rm. A
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
8:30 a.m..
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke, Harold Singstock,
Don Miller.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Loren Dieck – Winnebago County Parks, Leslie
Burns, Tim Moore, Eric Schallhorn – Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club
(OYSC)

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2013 Meeting – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes. Don Miller moved to approve. Tom Konetzke seconded with the correction of the word ‘draft’ in item #4 and the inclusion in item #9 that he had asked for an update on pavilion rentals. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Presentation and Discussion of OYSC Soccer Complex Improvement Proposal - OYSC presented a power point on a proposed new development that they would like the county to consider. Their talk primarily dealt with the club's desire to upgrade the Soccer Complex facilities using their own funding resources. They would be looking for a long term lease that would permit them to build a new concession/program support/restroom building on the NW end. They would also like to enter into an arrangement that would allow them to provide for the overall programming of the fields. The oversight would allow them to regulate the game and practice schedules for the site and determine on which fields these activities would take place. The next step in will be a formal lease agreement that encompasses the comments made and the formal requirements from the WDNR on land use of State donated land. Chairman Finch recommended a 30 year lease in order to assure OYSC potential sponsors of continuity of their investment. OYSC representatives excused.
5. Discussion of North County Dog Park Proposal – Rob passed around a copy of the completed proposal that has been delivered to the Town of Neenah. Comments and suggestions are appreciated on the document however it cannot be changed at this point before the April 15, 2013 meeting of the Town of Neenah Planning Commission. Corporation Counsel has approved the proposal in its current form but will need to be involved with any ensuing agreement reached with the Town of Neenah. Tom Konetzke commented that the references to ‘pet’ could mean different things to different people, instead of just dogs. Rob replied that using ‘pet’ was intentional so as not to discount any future uses of the property for other domestic animals as in Utah where they have a llama area. Chairman Finch suggested periodic reviews of the document’s format to add changes and comments when necessary. Rob also went over the final maps of the proposed area concept designs from Martinson and Eisle. Don Miller excused 10:25 a.m..

6. Parks Director's Updates: Rob reported that the ice storm yesterday has left a considerable amount of trees and branches down along the WIOASH trail. It may take several days to several weeks to clear all the downed trees and brush.
7. Committee Chairman's Updates: Chairman Finch stated that he will be arriving late to next week's board meeting and that Vice Chairman Konetzke should take his place for any announcements or resolutions that are coming before the board before his arrival. He also requested that committee members bring a list of possible dates for the next parks tour along with a list of sites that they wish to visit. He also asked the members to inform Rob if they plan to attend the Town of Neenah Planning Commission meeting on April 15 so that the meeting can be posted if a quorum will be present.
8. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton stated that he wishes to pull the Tri County Ice Arena Lease resolution from the county board agenda for April 16, 2013. He would like to have the resolution taken up at the June meeting. The committee agreed to pull the resolution. Mike also stated that committee members should look into getting a subscription to the free Recreation Management magazine and asked that Rob make copies of the dog park article from this month's edition to distribute to committee members. Mike would also like to see a written annual report from long term lessees. Harold Singstock asked if the horse show events could be compared to soccer events. Since the horse shows are for profit and take place at the expo there is no real comparison. Tom Konetzke asked if there are any grants for soccer. There are some that will need to be pursued by OYSC. Tom also asked if the county is involved with grants and etc. with the other long term lessees. No we do not have any connection with the long term lessee's operations with the exception of the race track as we get revenue from their marketing as per their contract.
9. Staff Updates: none
10. Next Meeting Date – May 2, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m..
11. Next Meeting Agenda Items: update on Breezewood property, assessment of trail storm damage, add Tri County Arena to tour.
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 10:57 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.
Winnebago County Parks