

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 6, 2012
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
8:30 a.m..

PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom Konetzke, Harold Singstock.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept..

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approve Minutes of November 13th and November 15th - Don Miller moved to approve both the November 13th and 15th meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comment - none
4. Approval of Community Park WPS Easements – Rob Way explained the necessity of the easements for the upgrade of electrical service in the Community Park for the installation of new lighting along the roadway. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Review of 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan – Rob Way went over the proposed 5 year plan that the County Executive will approve and submit for approval to the County Board. The items include the proposed; reconstruction of the tennis courts to provide both tennis and pickle ball as well as a basketball court, reconstruction of the park roadway to accommodate 2 way traffic, a new road lighting system as well as a required ADA route that must be completed within three years of ratification of the new Federal ADA standards, an engineering study to be done regarding the new roadway and new lighting placements to take place in either a one or two phase approach, the ongoing addition of a livestock barn which depends on fundraising from clients, and the proposed construction of a concession/office/restroom facility funded by the soccer groups. Each project was assigned a separate year for implementation ranging from 2013 – 2017.
6. Parks Personnel Changes – Rob Way announced the retirements of Bob Lohry (2/21/13) and Bob Kinderman (1/3/13) at 33 and 34 years of service respectively. The winter season is traditionally a slower time of year so operations should not be greatly affected. Rob has yet to fully discuss the matter and the possible implication of the retirements with either the Human Resources Director or the County Executive. Consequently, he did not feel he yet had leave to discuss the matter in any great detail given the committee open forum. Rob finished by stating that he would keep members informed regarding any personnel adjustments that may be made.

7. Update on Pursuit of North County Dog Park Site – Rob Way explained that there has been some outside factors that have come into play that may slow down the process of investigating the feasibility of pursuing a particular site on the north end of the county. However, although the process may be slowed down somewhat, staff intends to continue developing a proposal for a dog park at that site. Provided the “outside factors” do not further slow down the process, said proposal should be submitted in February or March of 2013. In response to a committee member’s inquiry, Rob reported that pricing for lease of agricultural land currently goes for approximately \$100.00/acre while purchase of agricultural land currently goes for approximately \$5,000.00/acre. Consequently the purchase price for the entire parcel could come to \$87,500.00.
8. Parks Director’s Updates: ADA Update, DNR - Parks Dept. Modification at Asylum Park – the ADA picnic tables have been delivered and the bleachers are expected to be delivered shortly, Rob is working with Steve Easterly of the DNR on new trail development in the Asylum Point Park/Picnic Point area. Parks is in the process of hiring a consultant that will identify possible hazards on the Breezewood property that must be rectified before the buildings can be torn down and the property turned into a parking lot for the trail head. The conditional use permit change sought by the Oshkosh Speed Zone and approved by the committee at the last meeting does not need to go before the county board. There are a lot of vacation days being taken by staff in the coming weeks as the end of the year nears.
9. Committee Chairman’s Updates: Chairman Finch reported that the WPRA conference was well worth attending and encouraged other committee members to attend next year. He also stated that he would like to see the last three disc golf baskets purchased yet this year.
10. Committee Member’s Updates – Don Miller reported that he talked to the mayor of Neenah regarding the Kids Kart Club and stated that there are city grants available to them. He also talked to the Post Crescent about doing an article on the Club as well. Tom Konetzke also expressed the desire to get the last three disc golf baskets in place as soon as possible.
11. Staff Updates - none
12. Next Meeting Date – Dec. 11, 2013 @8:30 a.m. for Open Space Plan and Jan. 3, 2013 for regular meeting.
13. Next Meeting Agenda Items: Winnebago Lakes Council Report on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 10:11 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr..