

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center

Present: Josh Belville, Steve Binder, Jim Ponzer, Karen Powers, Rachael Dowling

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager, Rick Helms, Tom McInnis

1. Call to order:

Karen Powers called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Rachael Dowling seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of February 21, 2023 Minutes:

Rachael Dowling moved to approve the minutes and Joshua Bellville seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment:

No comment.

5. **Presentation** – Shangri La Master Plan – Adam Breest – Parks Director

Adam Breest gave an overview of the Shangri La master plan. The Parks Department has owned property for about 25. The plan is to add walking trails and boardwalk out to the lake. Phase one would tentatively include access to the forested area, parking, lighting, walking trail, and viewing platform. Estimated base cost for phase one is about \$288k.

6. **Discussion/Action** – WI DNR Annual Snowmobile Grant 2023-2024

Every year the Parks Department needs to pass a resolution allowing the department to apply for a snowmobile maintenance grant with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Steve Binder made a motion to request authority to apply for and accept funds for maintenance of County-owned and leased snowmobile trails. Josh Belville seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Update** – Netzer Property Home Request to Purchase

Adam Breest gave an update on the Netzer property. Getting pricing for removal of home and utility disconnections. Hopeful it will be removed by fall.

8. **Update** – Parks Director on Potential International Pyrotechnics Guild (PGI) Conference

Adam Breest gave an update on the PGI Conference. Members of the PGI planning group will be here at the end of this week to do a walk-through and finalize a contract.

9. Parks Director Update:

Signed contract with MSA for comprehensive outdoor rec plan. Working on RFP for removing trees at Black Wolf and engineering services at Waukau Dam. Recruiting summer staff and a park ranger – have two seasons starting soon. Adam is going to Park and Rec Summit in April. Shelter rental fees will be on the April County Board agenda. Stacy got her CDL. Parks Department is working on switching to 9-hour shifts. Deerfest is coming back to Sunnyview in July. Off-road race might be coming to Sunnyview, no signed contract yet. Glow-in-the-dark egg hunt is almost sold out.

10. Staff Updates:

No comment.

11. Committee Member's Updates:

Josh Belville – No comment.

Steve Binder – No comment.

Jim Ponzer – Asked about update from DOT for property by Westwind. Adam will get an update.

Karen Powers – Asked about collaborating with the Oshkosh Parks Department or other organizations for pickleball leagues. The Parks Department has had recent inquiries about the pickleball courts. Due to the popularity of pickleball, more courts are need at the park.

Rachael Dowling – No comment.

12. Next Meeting Date:

April 25 at 9 a.m. at the J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room D.

13. Future Agenda Items:

Pickleball improvements at the park.
Update on playground equipment at the park.

14. Adjournment

Josh Belville made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve Binder. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager