

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Friday, May 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center

Present: Steve Binder, Jim Ponzer, Karen Powers, Josh Belville (via Zoom)

Also Present: Justin DeJager

1. Call to order:

Karen Powers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Jim Ponzer seconded.
Motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of April 25, 2023 Minutes:

Steve Binder moved to approve the minutes and Jim Ponzer seconded.
Motion carried 3-0.

4. Public Comment:

Jim Erdman, Town of Oshkosh Chair, spoke about the offer to purchase the six-acre parcel by the Wiouwash Trail. Parks staff recommended not purchasing the parcel. Would like Winnebago County to recommend that the Town of Oshkosh purchase the land.

5. **Discussion/Action** – WIOUWASH Trail – Offer to Purchase Remnant Parcel Adjacent to the WIOUWASH Trail in the Town of Oshkosh.

The DOT will sell it to the County for \$6,600; however, the DNR has designated that area as a wetland. If the County purchases the land, a parking lot could not be built on it. Parks staff recommends not purchasing the parcel. Committee asked the Town of Oshkosh if they would like Winnebago County to purchase this land. They would recommend that the town buys it. Committee discussed possibly purchasing the parcel and holding it for future developments.

Steve Binder made a motion not to purchase the remnant parcel adjacent to the WIOUWASH trail in the Town of Oshkosh and give the Town of Oshkosh the first option to buy it. Jim Ponzer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

6. **Discussion/Action** – Future Committee Days/Times

The committee discussed when to have future committee meetings.

Jim Ponzer made a motion to have the committee meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Josh Belville seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 10 a.m.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Boardwalk in the marsh
Parks tour (Shangri La, Community Park, buoys)

9. Adjournment

Jim Ponzer made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve Binder.
Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager