

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Location: Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager, Rick Helms, Kyle Vergin, Community Members

1. Call to order:

Karen Powers called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Josh Belville seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of December 10, 2023 Minutes:

Steve Binder moved to approve the minutes and Josh Belville seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

4. Public Comment – Pertaining to Items Listed on Today's Agenda:

Greg Madouse, Oshkosh – Opposed to raising boat landing fees. Make it a launch fee, not a boat trailer parking fee. Wants more transparency on where funds are being allocated.

Paul Williams, Town of Black Wolf – Opposed to raising boat landing fees. ATVs/trailers are not being charged.

Doug Nelson, Winneconne, District 35 Supervisor – When Winneconne installed pay stations at boat landing, revenue and violations went up. Parking fee is still the way to go. Simplify parking fees, eliminate three-year and senior discount. One permit for the whole county.

Dan Ruben, Oshkosh – Opposed to raising boat landing fees. Let's see how the pay stations work before raising fees.

Sid Opperman, Oshkosh – Wants the committee to look into a Wiouwash Trail permit for ATV usage for disabled citizens.

Kathy Williams, Oshkosh – Wants the boat launch fee applied to more people, not just the boaters.

5. **Discussion/Action** – Ordinance Modification Chapter 19.24-11 – Boat Landing Fees

Discussed tabling the boat landing fees until the fall. There will be no change in fees this year.

Citizens are welcomed to contact the parks department anytime to discuss these fees with the Director.

As a county, we can charge a fee to access the lake. Looking to change it from a parking fee to a launch fee.

Committee would like to investigate a county boat launch permit that includes all boat landings in Winnebago County. Maybe put the sticker on the trailer, not the vehicles. Important to keep community updated on discussions about the boat landings. Have a few public meetings and get organized for a decision in fall.

Karen Powers made motion to table the amendment for the fee increases until the fall. Seconded by Steve Binder. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Discussion** – Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Draft Plan

Reviewed the CORP draft plan. Will have final draft completed for parks committee in February and then on the County Board agenda in March. Committee appreciates soccer and rugby clubs willingness to fundraise for future improvements at the park. Would like to see other groups get involved too.

7. **Discussion** – 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan – Parks Department

Discusses upcoming projects including: West campus improvements at expo, shelters 1, 2, & 4 repairs at Community Park, park paving, expo room dividers, and expo floor sealing. Ready to move forward with these projects once they are approved.

8. Park Director Updates:

- Grundman Boat Landing Construction Update – Going through final punch list, camera request waiting for approval, lighting is on, new picnic tables.
- Sunnyview Expo Sign Lease Update – Lease with sign company approved. Waiting on sign company. Need to go to Town of Oshkosh for variance request. Have not discussed the final design yet.
- CivicRec – Updating our rec software from RecDesk to CivicRec.
- Shelter Reservations and Boat Launch Passes – Reservation and boat launch trailer parking passes are available. Discontinuing winter reservations at the pavilion due to utility costs.

9. Committee Comments:

Josh Belville – No comment.

Steve Binder – No comment.

Rachael Dowling – Add an additional public comment to the end of agenda. Would like time limit mentioned as well.

Jim Ponzer – No comment.

Karen Powers – Need something on agenda that let's public know to contact the parks department to put something on the agenda.

10. Next Meeting Date:

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

11. Future Agenda Items:

No comment.

12. Adjournment

Rachael Dowling made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Josh Belville. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager