

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Location: J.P. Coughlin Center

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

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager, Rick Helms

1. Call to order:

Karen Powers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Rachael Dowling moved to approve the agenda and Josh Belville seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of February 13, 2024 Minutes:

Steve Binder was excused for February meeting.

Josh Belville moved to approve the minutes and Jim Ponzer seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

No comment.

5. Public Comment – Items Not Listed on Today's Agenda:

Gregory Madouse, Oshkosh Resident. Does not think two minutes per resident is enough time.
Would like other options to be able to discuss issues with committee.

6. **Discussion/Action** – 2024-2025 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Grant

Adam Breest discussed the yearly grant for the upcoming snowmobile season. It funds all the maintenance/grooming for Winnebago County snowmobile trails. Approved up to \$43.3K.

Steve Binder made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Committee to recommend to the County Board to authorize the County Executive and County Clerk to make application on behalf of Winnebago County with the Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid available for the Snowmobile Grant program. Josh Belville seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Park Director Updates:

- Sunnyview Expo Sign Lease Update – Investor backed out with the sign company. Project on hold at this time.

- Capital Project Updates – Partition expo walls approved, items on order, November install. Received bids for expo floor, came in within budget, floor to be installed after Memorial Day. Expo engineering for phase 2, signed with Rettler. Finalizing pay stations, design and credit card processor. Rangers starting early April. Grundman project almost closed out. Community garden water getting hooked up, possibly this summer. Meeting with MSA about park shelter remodeling. ARPA Commission approved Parks requests. Hiring seasonals.

8. Committee Comments:

Josh Belville – UWO Urban Ecology Department partnering with Parks Department.

Rachael Dowling – No comment.

Jim Ponzer – County-wide boat launch permits.

Karen Powers – Items 4 and 5 will be a two-minute time limit. Public encouraged to provide documentation before meeting. Josh Belville will keep time.

Steve Binder – Would like cameras in parking lot by soccer shelter. Ken Robl Park pond treated and tree planting. Repurpose baseball field fence when it's taken out.

9. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10 a.m.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Waukau Dam project if approved.

11. Adjournment

Steve Binder made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Rachael Dowling. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager