

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

Present: Tom Konetzke, Steve Binder, Mike Norton, Don Nussbaum

Also Present: Justin DeJager, Rick Helms, Tom McInnis, Member of Public

1. Call to order:

Chairman Konetzke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Mike Norton moved to approve the agenda and Don Nussbaum seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of November 23, 2021 Minutes:

Mike Norton moved to approve the minutes and Steve Binder seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

4. Public Comment:

Don Herman – Asked about any updates on the possible lake access along the Wiouwash Trail for ice fishing access.

5. **Update** – Sunnyview Expo and Construction Update

Electricians are still doing what they can, weather permitting. MCC won't be back until spring. Working on updating maps of the expo grounds.

6. **Discussion/Action** – Grundman Boat Landing 2022 – 2023 Capital Improvement Project

Reviewed and discussed the Grundman Boat Landing project.

Don Nussbaum made the motion to approved the Grundman Boat Landing 2022-2023 Capital Project for the total project budget of \$2,035,000 and it was seconded by Mike Norton. The motion carried 4-0.

7. **Discussion** – Winter Activities within County Parks

Discussed all the outdoor activities available at Winnebago County parks and nature preserves.

8. Committee Chairman's Update:

Likes the design of the Grundman boat landing and wants to see the project continue moving forward.

9. Committee Member's Updates:

Mike Norton – No comment

Steve Binder – Would like to see the ponds restocked with fish at the Community Park and Ken Robl.

Larry Lautenschlager – Not present.

Don Nussbaum – No comment.

10. Staff Updates:

Tom McInnis – In the process of cutting trees at park and expo and will continue throughout winter. Removed more than 100 trees so far, all Ash trees that we infected by EAB. Treating the Ash trees has been working well. We've planted about 200 new trees over the past couple years. Working on rehabbing the Menasha buoys. The park being fully open has been good, and we're seeing more use at the park.

Rick Helms – Picked up a few new events lately. Winnegamie Dog Club said they are running out of space at the expo so we are looking at options to possibly use barn E. We lost a horse show to the Madison because there was not enough space at our facility. Space is becoming a concern as these events keep growing.

Justin DeJager – Boat launch parking permit stickers are on back order. We are hoping they come in by the end of the week and we will start online sales right away.

11. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items:

Tuesday, February 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

12. Adjournment

Mike Norton made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve Binder. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager
Admin. Asst.