

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE & TIME: February 29, 2016 @ 1:15 p.m.  
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center  
Parks Department Conference Rm.  
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y  
Oshkosh WI 54901

PRESENT: Parks Committee – Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke, Guy Hegg – arrived 1:25 p.m., Brady Kiel – excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Tom McInnis, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept..  
Larry Lautenschlager Supervisor District #19, Ken Olsen Supervisor District #15, Jeff Lemiesz – Impact Motorsports L.L.C.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2016 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda – Jeff Lemiesz spoke on behalf of Impact Motorsports L.L.C.. He thanked the county for 10 years of cooperation. He passed out handouts refuting the monetary amounts provided by staff to estimate the county's costs for operation of the grandstand and racetrack facility. He also passed out an excerpt from the proposed contract with Impact's proposed rental amounts inserted. Jeff stated that their attorney recommends that they not sign the contract in its current state. Impact feels that there is no incentive for them to continue operations under the proposed contract and will not sign if changes aren't made. Jerry Finch stated that he would like to have a chance to go over the handouts with the committee and staff in a closed session prior to any more discussion of the current proposed contract.
4. Approval of Racetrack Rental Agreement – Rob Way stated that he agreed it would be best to meet in closed session to go over the handouts provided and discuss the county's options and response(s). Chairman Finch stated that he would like to see comparisons of rent paid for tracks within a 100 to 150 mile radius. Mike Norton would like that information to come from publically owned as well as privately owned tracks. The county executive will be invited to the closed session meeting which will take place on Monday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the JP Coughlin Bldg. Volunteer Room. The intent of the meeting will be to decide what, if any, consideration(s) are to be made in accommodating the Impact Motorsports proposal and to determine how to proceed if there is no resolution with the proposed '17 - '19 racetrack contract.
5. Orientation on Facets of WPRA Membership Services – Rob went over what WPRA membership entails and what emails and other correspondences to expect from them. He also provided a breakdown of the types of membership and who usually attends what type of events for WPRA.
6. Discussion on County Board Presentation Regarding Meeting Rules – this item was put on the agenda in case there were any questions regarding the presentation from corporation counsel. The new format for meeting notices should take care of the quorum issue that had been discussed. Rob reminded the committee that they will have to let him know if they plan on attending any other outside functions where a quorum may be present so that

- he can post it ahead of time as a meeting. One example he provided where members will need to be particularly attentive is for ceremonial events or dedications (i.e. the Fair's opening ceremony).
7. Discussion, if any, on Report of Outcomes Associated with Earlier Problems Experienced at the Expo Outdoor Arena – Rob noted from the inclusion in the committee members packets that the issues brought up regarding the outdoor arena have satisfactorily been put to rest. The results of the work that was dedicated towards addressing the Expo outdoor arena drainage problem has turned-out to be a significant success with the Expo clientele now complementing the quality of the facility.
  8. Parks Director's Updates: Filling of Full-time Parks Caretakers position; Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Program; PetSmart Donation; WPRA Spring Workshop in Oshkosh – Rob stated that Kyle Vergin has been hired for the open position. There is a change in how the WDNR is calculating funding for snowmobile trails while using a fee tacked onto snowmobile registrations. This fee will not show up in any funding amounts for a year or two but could eventually bode well in allowing for an expansion in the amount of mile of state funded trails here in Winnebago County. PetSmart made a sponsorship donation of \$450.00 to the park to display their grand opening banner at the dog park entrance. The WPRA spring workshop is March 11 & 12 and will include a tour of the Community Park with special emphasis on the archery range. Jerry, Mike and possibly Tom will be attending. Tom McInnis will be attending as well.
  9. Committee Chairman's Updates: none
  10. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton asked that options be given for the closed session on what alternatives are available should there be no resolution with the proposed '17 - '19 racetrack contract. Guy Hegg stated that he had recently gone to a WIAA hockey game at the Tri County Arena which was well attended. He added that the facilities appear to be much more presentable in their appearance than in previous years. Tom Konetzke had a question on ADA access for 4H programs. Vicky responded by indicating that access is the responsibility of the group holding the activity.
  11. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis reported that several trees and invasives have been removed from the park as per the county survey. There will be some others taken down that are partially dead and there may be questions from the public on these particularly at Black Wolf Boat Landing. The archery targets have had their annual \$100.00/target maintenance for the year and will be ready to go for the WPRA tour. Vicky Redlin reported that the March newsletter is available on the county website.
  12. Future Agenda Items: March 7 meeting – racetrack contract. TBD second March meeting - Consideration of Catch and Release Ordinance being applied to Community Park Fishing Pond(s); Dog problem at Waukau Nature Preserve
  13. Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m..
  14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Guy Hegg moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin