

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

DATE & TIME: March 20, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: JP Coughlin Center  
Volunteer Rm.  
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y  
Oshkosh WI 54901

PRESENT: Parks Committee – Jerry Finch, Tom Konetzke, Mike Norton, Larry Lautenschlager, Steve Binder

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Tom McInnis, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the agenda. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the agenda. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approve Minutes of February 20, 2017 Committee Meeting – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve with the outstanding question of the Lifest stage building timeline and its effect on programming. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda - none
5. Impact of City's Proposed Increase on Special Events Fees on Parks Programming – Mike Norton stated that he asked for his issue to be on the agenda as there are some county events that are affected by this fee. Lifest in particular. Vicky Redlin stated that most county events are not required to have a special event permit as they don't require any additional city services or tent permits. Rob Way spoke to Life Promotions and they have a projected 32% increase in their fee if this increase had passed the city council, which it did not. Will be put on April agenda to see where the ad hoc committee put together by the city for input on this issue goes with recommendations.
6. Approval of Amendments made to County Trail Ordinances – pulled.
7. Approval of Budget Transfer to Replace Damaged Bridge at Asylum Point – In follow up to last month's damage report a quote has been received that is very reasonable. The total quoted is \$65,000.00 for a new clear span bridge with \$5,000.00 budgeted for removal of old bridge and pilings. Steve Binder questioned whether grants are available. Rob stated that the WDNR grants are usually awarded in late August which would mean if the grant is received the bridge would not be repaired in 2017. If the transfer is approved and the work is bid out after P&F and County Board approval the bridge could probably be done this year in late July. Any WDNR Stewardship Grant will be a 50% match. There is the possibility of another grant that Rob will look into and report back at the next meeting or possibly a special meeting will have to be called to approve the grant before the next P&F meeting. Mike Norton moved to approve the grant as presented with a note that grants will be applied for. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Parks Director's Updates: Parks Personnel Update; Asylum Point Bridge Update; Mascoutin Valley Trail Improvements; WPRA's response to Committee Member's Question; Developments concerning Oshkosh Section of WIOUWASH Trail – No update on personnel. Asylum Bridge update as above. Mascoutin Trail signage is in and there are other areas that will be looked for future informational signage as well as trail leveling. Steve Thompson

from WPRA sent the copy of The Municipality newsletter, he also spoke with Rob about previous efforts to get board members involved in WPRA with little to no response. There was also little call for educational material requested by any board members as most do not belong to WPRA. WIOUWASH Segways are not allowed at Rivermill, Rockwell or the Tribal Trail nor in county park. There has been a slow response from both the city and Axeltech regarding the repositioning of the trail in that area. A meeting has been proposed but no one has responded from either entity. Alpine Valley article on closing for 2017 article included in packet for information only.

9. Committee Chairman's Updates: none
10. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder would like an update on the potential fee charged by Life Promotions for stage use and the city event permit issue. Mike Norton would like to see the meeting minutes posted at the last possible time by the County Clerk. She has indicated that she would like them turned-in within 10 days after the meeting. Look into CGI website for next meeting. ACW Wrestling new event looks promising. Larry Lautenschlager commented that there is a good amount of info on pickleball in the newsletter sent out by Steve Thompson. Tom Konetzke added that he too would like to have an update on the Lifestage and their sponsorship search. Tom stated that he did not wish to wait too long for confirmation in order to program events for 2018. Also questioned the land acquisition that was noted at the last meeting. Rob responded by indicating that inquiries into land acquisition cannot be initiated at the department level.
11. Staff Updates: none
12. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: April 17, 2017. Also email dates of availability to Rob for boat tour with the Sheriff's Dept. boat.
13. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 2:47 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
Program Manager