

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

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

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager, Rick Helms, Tom McInnis

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 5-0.

3. Approval of November 23, 2021 Minutes:

Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the minutes and Steve Binder seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment:

No comments.

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

Rick Helms gave update on the construction progress. Almost all pedestals have been installed. MCC will be back in a couple weeks/when weather permits. WPS coming in April. Majority of construction will be completed by May.

6. **Discussion/Action** – Grundman Boat Landing – Recreation Boating Fund Grant

Discussed grant funding for Grundman boat landing.

Mike Norton motioned to make an application on behalf of Winnebago County with the Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid available through the Recreational Boating Fund for the Grundman Boat Landing improvement and restoration project. It was seconded by Don Nussbaum. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Discussion/Action** – WI DNR Snowmobile Grant – 2022-2023

Discussed the snowmobile trail maintenance and funding.

Mike Norton motioned to make an application on behalf of Winnebago County with the Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid available for this program. It was seconded by Steve Binder. The motion carried 5-0.

8. **Presentation – Equine Complex 2022 Capital Project**

Pulled from agenda.

9. **Discussion – Ken Robl Park**

Discussed maintenance and operation of Ken Robl Park. The Parks Department does not have funds or staff to care for the property. No one from the Parks Department staff or Park and Rec Committee approved that the Parks Department would take over this property after three years. Reviewed initial concept plan for Ken Robl Park.

10. **Park Director's Update**

Graef was hired for Grundman boat launch project.  
Working on new sign for the expo center on Jackson Street.  
Caretaker positions have been filled.  
Working on kayak rentals at Asylum with local company.  
Wiouwash Trail swap moving along.  
Oshkosh North reached out to Parks Department about a school project at the dog park.  
Bike and Ped Committee working to establish new goals.

11. **Committee Chairman's Update:**

Asked about person who wanted to pick up wood at Waukau Dam.  
Make sure parks staff is keeping a close eye on maintenance needs throughout parks and expo properties.

12. **Committee Member's Updates:**

Mike Norton – Roller rink. Recently talked about the Waukau Nature Preserve on a local podcast.

Steve Binder – Parking lots and road shoulders need work, preferably before September.

Larry Lautenschlager – Would like park bench with committee members names on it at Jerry Finch Winnebago County Dog Park.

Don Nussbaum – No comment.

13. **Staff Updates:**

Tom McInnis – Removing ash trees around the park. Buoys will go out soon. Menasha buoys have been reconditioned/painted. Recruiting seasonal employees.

Rick Helms – A lot of new event requests including training exercises, weddings, and concerts. Making staffing changes and working on scheduling.

Justin DeJager – Jerry Finch Winnebago County Dog Park ribbon cutting scheduled for May 12 at 10 a.m.

14. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items:

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B  
Next agenda – Dog Park Bench

15. Adjournment

Don Nussbaum made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mike Norton. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Justin DeJager