

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: April 29, 2016 @ 1:30 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 – arrived 1:45 p.m., Larry Lautenschlager, Steve Binder.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis – Winnebago County Parks Dept.. Winnebago County Board Supervisors – Bill Roh, and Karen Powers.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m..
2. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2016 - Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the March 28 meeting minutes. Mike Norton motioned to approve. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0. A notation was made to amend the January 2016 meeting minutes to reflect the absence of Chairman Finch.
3. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda – Bill Roh suggested that if a dog park in the northern area is to be pursued that pricing for purchase or lease, possible zoning changes, price for all improvement costs and maintenance as well as who will do the maintenance should be determined prior to going to the County Board.
4. CLOSED SESSION – Chairman Finch called for a motion to go into closed session. Mike Norton moved to go into closed session. Mike Norton moved to go into closed session. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Roll call vote: Jerry Finch – yes, Mike Norton – yes, Steve Binder – yes, Larry Lautenschlager – yes. Carried 4-0. Enter closed session 1:37 a.m..

The presiding officer of the Parks & Recreation Committee at this point in the meeting shall entertain a motion of convene in closed session pursuant to the exemption provided in Section 19.85 (1)(e), Stats. for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property and for conducting other specified public business, in that competitive bargaining reasons required closed session.

At the conclusion of the session, the presiding officer of the committee shall entertain a motion to reconvene in open session

Chairman Finch called for a motion to exit closed session. Mike Norton moved to exit closed session. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Roll call vote; Jerry Finch – yes, Mike Norton – yes, Steve Binder – yes, Larry Lautenschlager – yes, Tom Konetzke – yes. Motion carried 5-0. Exit closed session 2:53 p.m. with no action taken on this item.

Mike Norton moved to bring item #7 forward to allow Supervisor Roh to speak on the topic. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

7. North County Dog Park Update – Rob Way stated that 2 sites are under consideration; the previous Glatfelter property and a site in Neenah. The Option to lease beginning at a 20 year term for the Glatfelter property has been forwarded to the new person in charge. Ownership would only occur if the WDNR delisted the site as a dump and monitoring was no longer required.
5. `17 Parks Budget – Due to the timeframe for the meeting, Rob gave a very short summary of what the `17 Parks Budget may look like. He indicated that depending upon developments in the grandstand/racetrack venue, the ancillary work that will need to be done at the site that would be tied to the project, will be supported mainly through funding assigned to the Parks Department's Hwy. interfund account. Rob also noted that additional funds will be available in `17 from the utility accounts due to the reduction in

storm water fees attributable to the work done by the Parks consultant, Rettler Associates. Given these circumstances, Parks should be able to meet its preliminary `17 levy target.

6. Modification to Fields Situated either side of Community Park Snell Road Entranceway - Rob explained the possibility for a large amount of fill and black dirt that may become available due to a city retention basin project in the area. This would be used to create a berm area on the south end of the park at the Snell road entrance which would mirror the area that is now bermed on the north end of the park.
8. Parks Director's Updates: Community Park Prairie Burn, Black Wolf Restrooms Pump – the prairie burning project is still in the works with some decent weather coming in. The 35 year old Black Wolf restroom pump needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. This will come from the boat launch parking permit fee funds.
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: - Welcome to new members and guests. A new meeting day and time was set for the third Monday of the month at 2p.m.. Parks Tour was set for May 25 at 8:00 a.m.. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the new meeting day and time as the third Monday at 2 p.m.. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Tom Konetzke voted no.
10. Committee Member's Updates: - Mike Norton asked about leashed dogs on the WIOUWASH. Yes they are allowed there but not at any nature preserve. Steve Binder asked when the park trail will have the landscaping completed. Hwy. has been working on it this week and will continue as weather permits. Larry Lautenschlager – none. Tom Konetzke asked which buoys at Neenah are the County's responsibility and Rob indicated that the County takes care of the ones going into the channel. Tom went on to ask if there is a policy on gender neutral restrooms. Corp Counsel would have to be involved with putting any policy in place for the entire County as it relates to this restroom policies.
11. Staff Updates: Natural Way Prairie Plantings and WIOUWASH Trail Prairie Burn – Tom McInnis reported that the corrections crew did a great deal of work this past two weeks, there was a prairie burn on remnant prairie on the WIOUWASH last weekend, this burn helped to preserve some rare orchids that exist on these sites. The staff is in the process of getting the equipment needed to apply an EAB treatment. Vicky Redlin reported that there is a bike Rodeo put on by the Sheriff's Dept. on May 7 where Parks will have a booth, there are 2 events on May 21 on the WIOUWASH trail and throughout Oshkosh. She also invited committee members to come out to the park on May 11 for milkweed planting with the second grad from Valley Christian School for a Monarch habitat garden. The latest Tourism Dept. numbers also came out and Winnebago County is up 4.94%, a handout was given on the latest from the latest tourism data.
12. Future Agenda Items: tour May 25 with short meeting instead of regular meeting on third Monday.
13. Upcoming Meeting Dates: Discussion of Regular Mtg. Dates and Times as well as Parks Tour – discussed in Committee Chairman's report.
14. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Larry Lautenschlager excused. Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
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Winnebago County Parks Dept.