

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

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee  
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday July 8, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.  
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center – Meeting Rm. A  
625 E Cty Rd Y.  
Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Tom Konetzke, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Steve Binder  
Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis.

### **MINUTES**

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of June 17, 2019 Minutes- Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the June 17 meeting minutes. Mike Norton moved to approve and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters- none
5. Approval of 3-year Expo Rental Agreement with Promoter of Morgan Masterpiece Horseshow Event – Vicky Redlin noted that this event has been a long time lessee and there have been no outstanding issues with them. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the 3 year agreement and Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Approval of Budget Transfer Allowing for Expenditure of \$100,000 in NRDA Grant Funds to Replace the Asylum Point Bridge - Rob Way explained that since this grant is from the US Dept. of Commerce there will be at least a 2 month wait for funds due to required paperwork. There is \$40,000 currently budgeted that can be used to get the project started with engineering and permitting. Steve Binder asked that consideration be given to driving additional pilings on the lakeside of the bridge to insure that ice will not be able to build up high enough to tip it over. Rob stated the preference is for an arched bridge however it will be dependent on price and engineering what type of bridge is ultimately installed. A request for engineering to include the possibility of ice shoves. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Action, if any, regarding Endorsing Repeal of Wisconsin Statute 32.015 regarding use of Condemnation for Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Projects – Rob provided an update from ReThink Coordinator Emily Dieringer on this subject. Since the State budget has been approved it should be possible to meet with Senators Roth and Rohrkast on rewording of the proposed bill. There is a meeting on July 18 with the statewide group that is involved with this issue. Further updates will be provided after that meeting.
8. Approval of Concept Design for Proposed Marilyn Stroud Nature Area – Rob provided map constructed by Martinson & Eisle that designates current plant habitats, trails and upgrades

including a parking lot and entrance. There are a few small changes that need to be made to the concept design including removal of trash cans. Maintenance will include mainly mowing of existing trails and tree pruning. As well as minor maintenance of the metal pole building. The pier into the pond may need to be addressed some time in the future. The parking lot and entrance is the major improvement and can be budgeted for through the operations budget. The Winchester Town meeting is July 9. Rob will be attending to show the proposed plan, however there is a question of whether any type of approval is necessary from the town. There will be no change to the use of the property other than the public will be allowed onsite. Winchester has a comprehensive plan in place. The area is landlocked so access should be granted. A portable toilet will only be installed in case of very high usage, there are not toilets at other nature preserves with the lone exception of Waukau Creek. A future shelter is included in the plan but would be several years out. A cost estimate for annual maintenance is being worked out, but should be fairly low. Mike Norton moved to approve the concept design and Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Approval of Concept Design for Proposed North County Dog Park Site – Rob went over the concept design from Martinson and Eisle of the current WDOT property proposed for a north county dog park. Minor changes to the plan are the addition of more parking and the area not extending all the way to the railroad access point. DOT must also review this concept design. Mike Norton moved to approve the concept design and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Report on use of Osh-O-Nee Boat Landing during June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Neenah based Fishing Tournament – Rob reported that there was not a lot of participation. There were 4 known boats that used the landing as 4 were given notices for not having the Neenah sticker in the correct place. The tournament was a success but will probably not be held in the future as costs for the city of Neenah would be too high.
11. Parks Director's Updates: Rob reported that a meeting was held with the City of Oshkosh Planning Commission regarding the Expo Master Plan and the consensus was that the expo will be rezoned to a planned development so that the usual requirements for parking lots and green space are not enforced. The RFP for Sunnyview Stadium promotion had one respondent. Staff will be working with them on a contract for 2020 and possible beyond. Other promoters expressed interest but didn't bid. Rob also went over the role that the OCVB will play in a bid to host the PGI event at the expo in 2021. There is a little different approach for this event with the CVB taking the lead on funding. The county is still in line for the requested rental fee of \$80,000 but will also be included in other revenue streams as a percentage yet to be determined. The CVB is putting together a bid and notification will take place in October 2019. The Netzer property is being prepped for water and electrical changes and salvage/demo of the buildings. There is a July 25 deadline for the family to remove all personal belongings left. Neenah has also been looking into 2 two acre parcels for dog parks within the city.
12. Committee Chairman's Updates: The Chairman noted compliments on the Community Park from his constituents and subsequent accolades for staff.
13. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder – asked if the KRCP maintenance numbers have been arrived at with Solid Waste, he also questioned when the soccer shelter rebuild will begin. Steve also noted that WPS has not cleaned up the trees that they topped for power line access. Mike Norton questioned the role of Fresh Air Park in Neenah. It is being looked at for additional funding by the Town due to elevated use patterns. Mike also noted that there is an Outdoor Rec session at the upcoming NACO conference which he will attend. Tom Konetzke – reiterated the compliments/accolades for staff. Larry Lautenschlager stated that Randy

Domer president of the Winnebago Historical Society is interested in providing more funding for the Raise the Arch campaign. Vicky will contact him.

14. Staff Updates: Vicky reported that Lifest is moving in and preparations are well underway for the second largest event in the area. (EAA is the largest.)
15. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: August 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.. Leases for Stroud and WDOT, Soccer Shelter update, Parks budget meeting with executive 8/10.
16. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn and Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:02 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicky Redlin  
Program Manager