

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, August 20, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting: Coughlin Building –Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901

Present: Jerry Finch, Steve Binder, Tom Konetzke, Mike Norton. Excused - Larry Lautenschlager.

Also present: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis- Winnebago County Parks, Steve Lenz – Winnebago County Board District 7, Trish Nau, Kim Biedermann and Tyler DeBruin – ECWRPC.

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. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters – Steve Lenz stated that citizens in his district have expressed their desire to him regarding building a dog park in the northern end of the county.
4. ECWRPC Presentation regarding County Wayfinding Signage Guidelines – Kim Biedermann and Tyler DeBruin presented the Wayfinding Signage Guidelines for the East Central WI region and took questions. As new signs become necessary Winnebago County Parks will be using these guidelines for trail signage. The Ken Robl Conservation Park already has trail signs in place using these guidelines.
5. Parks' Open Space Plan Update and Selection of Dates and Locations for Public Input Sessions – Trish Nau went over suggestions for possible input activities at upcoming open space plan public meetings. Those ideas include; money jars, bid boards with stickers, priority boards, and location of residence boards. The dates decided upon for additional meetings are; September 10 from 5-7pm at the Omro Community Center, and September 17 from 5-7 pm at the JP Coughlin Bldg Room B. Rob will confirm dates via email. Trish also went over the results so far of the Economic Impact Survey for the Expo.
6. Discussion of North County Dog Park and Means of Funding – After much discussion it was decided that the money included in the 2018 budget for the proposed dog park should be carried over into 2019 if possible. If a carry-over is not approved before the December due date for carried over budget items then it may be able to be reassigned for another purchase. Otherwise it will go back to the general fund. Mike Norton and Tom Konetzke both expressed that the local municipalities and citizens from the northern county area need to step up and let it be known that they want a dog park, come to meetings, and/or help with property acquisition and/or maintenance. Steve Binder suggested contacting the DOT to see what properties have been added to their inventory from recent projects. Rob will contact the DOT and also attempt to contact ZAC Investments who own a property that is in the area that may be an option for a dog park. Results of these efforts will be discussed at a later meeting.

7. Parks Director's Updates: PGI has firmed up for the 2020 dates and a representative will be present for the 8/21 County Board meeting to speak on the Netzer property acquisition. OCVB will also attend the meeting. Info was sent out in Board packets on the event and the previous economic impact derived at another location. Lifest went well and the promotor of the truck and tractor pulls during the Fair was pleased with the pull track. Red Rock Productions has confirmed August 16 for an event at Sunnyview Stadium. There is also a demo derby scheduled for 9/21. Marketing for open dates and sponsors will be going out this week and an RFP is being put together for a promotor/management company procure larger events in the stadium.
8. Committee Chairman's Updates: The soccer shelter is scheduled for demo tomorrow morning by the Hwy. Dept..
9. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder noted that the south end of the park street lights need to be replaced, sometimes they work and sometimes they don't, at least one is out at any given time. The road from the pull track to the rear of the stage should be put in as soon as possible for ease of use. Double seal coating the screenings in the entertainment area of the stadium would provide a resilient surface that would last for several years without additional drainage issues. Mr. Binder also complimented Rick Helms for his dedication and hard work helping to make events happen this summer. Mike Norton reported on his attendance at the County Fair and his tour with Rick of the press box and security camera set up. Tom Konetzke stated that the truck and tractor pulls should be accommodated for motorsports fans. He was impressed with Lifest this year and believes that the land purchase which would go towards retaining PGI for a possible 10 year contract is a good idea.
10. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis – the spillway at Waukau was repaired, drain tile has been installed at the dog park and south of the ball diamonds in the Community Park and seems to be working well. Artesian springs are popping up in the park and are being addressed via these tile. The lighthouse at Asylum Point had graffiti sprayed on it and 99.9% has been removed taking 3 days. Removal was complicated by the age of the brick so several sources were consulted on methods to remove the paint safely without harming the surface. The shoreline at Asylum is also being reclaimed with brush removal already completed. Minor boat landing repairs have been ongoing. Vicky Redlin reported that marketing pieces for the stadium will be going out this week. Seasonals are beginning to leave but one is going to hang around until November (after 26 week limit) as long as he doesn't get a permanent job in his field of choice.
11. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: September 17 @ 3:30 p.m. followed at 5:00 p.m. by the Public Input Meeting for the Open Space Plan at JPC. Stroud property tour, dog park property possibilities.
12. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 3:58 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager