

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 3:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center Volunteer Rm.
625 E Cty Rd Y.
Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Steve Binder, Tom Konetzke, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton.
Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Ton McInnis, Rick Helms, Mark Harris – Winnebago County Executive, Winnebago County Board Supervisors – Jim Weis and Steve Lenz.

1. Call to order – Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m..
2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the agenda. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the agenda. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of August 20, 2018 and August 27, 2018 Minutes – Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Steve Binder seconded. Mike Norton asked that the minutes for Aug. 27 note him as excused not absent. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters – Supervisor Weis noted that his constituents have asked about a more northern county area dog park, in relation to the current centrally located dog park, at municipal meetings he has been a part of.
5. Amend Administrative Directive within Expo Policy to Prohibit Programming of Barn E for Use Entailing the Presence of Animals with the Exception of Domesticated Dogs Cats and Service Animals – Rob and Vicky explained the need to separate the campuses with regards to traffic from stadium, expo building and covered arena events for safety and traffic flow. Barn E is not on the PPA system for the covered arena. It was used twice this year for approximately 15-20 stalls during consecutive quarter horse shows. Those shows did not fill up the overhang at Barn A or the western barn overhangs with stalls before using Barn E. There are 44 stall spaces available in Barn E. There are 48 stall spaces under the Barn A overhang and up to 32 stall spaces available under the western overhangs on barns A-D, for a total of 80 total available stall spaces to use before Barn E would be needed. Therefore stalls should be placed under these overhangs to make up for the 44 that will be eliminated in Barn E. The Health Dept. has stated that if no animals have been housed in Barn E for a year, and the building has been sanitized it will be cleared for use in serving concessions. This additional space within the stadium campus is a major selling point for events as it provides a covered space for vendors. Mike Norton moved to approve eliminating the use of Barn A for animals other than domesticated dogs, cats and service animals. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The announcement will be made at the annual user group meeting in January.
6. Discussion and possible Approval of Request for Funding of Development Costs needed to Establish a North County Dog Park Site on County Owned Property located along County Highway CB - Rob went over the hand out of estimated costs that included estimates from the Highway Department for development of the Hwy. CB pull-out, the reshaping of the slope in the entranceway, upgrading of the access road and building of the parking lot to the north of the Marwede property. The total is \$500,000.00+ for Hwy. Dept. work and development of the interior area (i.e. fencing and path development). The

gas company has noted in conversation that they would consider a 15 year lease for the right of way use as a driveway along with other stipulations. Steve Binder asked the County Exec if he would formally turn the Marwede over to the Parks Dept. for future use. Mr. Harris stated that a resolution could be introduced to the County Board to approve such future development by the Parks. Mr. Binder stated that to get donations a property must be finalized. Larry Lautenschlager agreed that this resolution would be helpful. Mike Norton stated that asking for any monies associated with development of this property should be brought in during the budget negotiation process. Other options for ingress/egress for this property over the adjacent KC holding were discussed. Rob reported on a property that the WDOT might have available that could prove to be a good fit for a northern dog park. The WDOT rep will continue looking for other remnant properties for this purpose. A possible lease was also noted. Procurement of WDOT properties was discussed as to how this process proceeds. Mr. Binder would like to go ahead with the resolution for the Marwede property and keep the discussion going with the WDOT. Mike Norton moved to have a resolution brought into the next meeting formally designating the Marwede property as under the Parks' domain. Steve Binder seconded. M.C. 5-0.

7. Discussion and possible Approval of Request for Funds to Facilitate the Purchase of a 20 Acre Parcel Adjoining the East Boundary of the Expo Center – Rob brought forward a request put forth by one of the committee members that the members consider pursuing the 20 acres on the east expo grounds located to the south of the 20 acre parcel just purchased from the Netzer family. Rob stated the need for expansion room for the expo events which will take pressure of the park and which would also serve as an option for parking at times when there are rain damaged grounds at the expo. Steve Binder thinks this would be a good option for the parks and possible to combine with a community garden. Tom Konetzke was tentative about how well received this topic will be by the supervisors. Mike Norton supported the idea. Jerry Finch supported the property purchase. Larry Lautenschlager thinks it would give us good access to Cty Y. Steve Binder added that it would be best if the county owned the property in order to make certain that another party does not purchase the land that would introduce a type of activity/use onto the property that would be in conflict with the expo programming use. Rob said the asking price is around \$319,000.00 and would not involve eminent domain concerns. Steve Binder asked Mr. Harris to allow Rob to negotiate a price. Mr. Harris gave Rob the go ahead to negotiate a price for the additional 20 acres of property.
8. Discussion and possible Approval of Budget Transfer to Address Replacement of the Community Park North Diamond Outfield Fence - Rob stated that \$11,000 is budgeted for next year to replace this fence. The OASD would like a 2 foot taller fence that is black vinyl galvanized. OASD would pay for the difference in price of \$8,000. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Parks Director's Updates: - none
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: - none
11. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder asked Mr. Harris to look at the streetlights on the south end of the park that were not funded to be replaced with the recent park road project. They are leaning, and several do not light. This is in contract to the new lights throughout the rest of the park.
12. Staff Updates: Rick Helms pointed out a hand out with a depiction of the gravel roads necessary to be developed and/or widened at the expo.

13. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: Setting of date to tour Grandview Road Site and discussion date change for November meeting, if needed - TBD
14. Adjournment- Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Manager