

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, October 15, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting: JP Coughlin Center Volunteer Rm.
625 E Cty Rd Y.
Oshkosh WI

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

Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis, Rick Helms, Winnebago County Board Supervisor – Jim Weis District #27.

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. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Approval of September 17, 2018 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters - none
5. Video Presentation and Related Discussion of Potential North County Dog Park Properties and the Stroud Nature Area – An overview of the Stroud property and 2 possible dog park locations were shown via drone footage taken by Tom McInnis. Thanks to Tom for providing his drone for this task. Steve Binder would prefer a donation of the land outright instead of a 25 year lease for \$1 per year, as this would allow for investment in the property to remain onsite longer than the 25 year time span. Purchase and lease options were discussed, along with possible WDNR grants. Wild Ones of the Fox Valley have stated that they are willing to help out with recommendations and planning for restoration of this site. Rob will contact the owner and see if he is willing to donate the property outright with the stipulation that it be named after his mother in perpetuity. Two possible dog park locations were also shown. These are DOT parcels. Needs for each property, purchase/lease/no cost donation by DOT were discussed. All terms are conditional at this point as the DOT upper level management must decide on these issues. Of all the properties located primarily along the interchange corridor these 2 are the most promising. The property discussed at the last meeting may end up being sold since it has a parking lot. Rob will check on sale price of this property as well. The Marwede property was also shown in an overview.
6. Consideration of Action to Transfer Programming and Grounds Maintenance Responsibilities for the Marwede Property over to the Parks Department for Purposes of Operating a North County Dog Park – The property is viable except for the lack of access. To create access the estimated cost from the Hwy. Dept. is \$500,000.00+ not including fencing. The gas company who owns a right of way through the property is on record to provide an easement for access along its property for maintenance and public access to the property for recreational purposes. The property does not necessarily need to be a dog park and cannot be reasonably used for other purposes. The idea is to have this property in hand in case other DOT properties doesn't work out. The property can be developed over time with access determined later on. KC may be willing to eventually allow access off Jacobson Road and could be approached. Until then walk in access could be allowed. Access for maintenance is currently not allowed but will be pursued through the gas company upon approval of this action. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer of programming and grounds maintenance responsibilities of the Marwede property to Parks for recreational purposes. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Update on Netzer Property Listing – Rob reported that another offer has come in on the Netzer property according to their realtor. The offer is higher than the verbal offer the County had made for the remainder of the property. The asking price is \$320,000 and the county offer is \$300,000. There is a rift among the family with ½ wanting to take the \$300,000 offer and the other ½ holding out for the full price. There is also a developer that has been in contact about the property according to the realtor. There were no details on either interested party's plans. Steve Binder stated that he would like to offer the full asking price. Larry Lautenschlager agreed. UWEX has indicated some interest in the property for the community gardens which will lose their lease after 2019. Catherine Neiswander will speak to this at the County Board meeting if so desired. There are many components that this particular purchase could benefit ie. health, economic impact, tourism, and quality of life. Rob will put together an offer for the full price after consulting with the county executive. He will have the resolution ready for presentation as an amendment to the budget for 2019. He will contact the realtor right away and give a 5 day reply deadline on acceptance.
8. Approval of Submittal of Fox River Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Funding Request for Replacement of Damaged Asylum Point Wood Pile Bridge with a Clear Span Structure – Rob went over the opportunity as a perfect fit for this grant program which was recommended by the DNR. The deadline is a ways out but it is an involved process. Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve the grant submittal. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Redirecting of Allocated Capital Equipment Funds from a Mower Purchase towards a Performance Plus Gator – item moved up to number 7 to allow Rick to answer questions. The overage from the stadium project was expected and there is not a current need for the zero turn mower that would have been purchased from the 5804 capital equipment fund therefore, use of the \$20,000 in said fund to cover the overage as well as a much needed gate at the west end of the grandstand should be transferred. This transfer only needs committee and county executive's approval. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer of \$5,900 for grandstand gate purchase and installation and \$14,100 in capital improvement overage for the audience area of the grandstand project to 5802 capital improvements account. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
10. Parks Director's Updates: Rob reported that there has been damage done to the park due to the rain and a joy rider tearing up the soccer fields, especially #13, The vehicle was caught on camera but with the old lighting at that end of the park the license plate was not legible. The vehicle also ran over a bollard. Rob is adding the replacement of these lights to the CIP for earlier install. Rettler is preparing a cost estimate for engineering of the project.
11. Committee Chairman's Updates: none
12. Committee Member's Updates: Mike Norton – none, Steve Binder – when will soccer shelter bids go out? Rob stated that because there was no paperwork from the previous building a lot of items had to be done from scratch so the bids should be out before the end of this year. Larry Lautenschlager – none.
13. Staff Updates: Vicky Redlin reported that the department has received a 2018 Park Section Park Facility Award of Excellence for the Community Park Road Redesign Project. The award will be presented at the WPRA conference on Nov. 1. She also noted that she has been elected to another term as the Region 2 representative on the Park Section Board for WPRA.
14. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: November 19 at 1:30pm
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Norton moved to adjourn. Steve Binder seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 2:59 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted
Vicky Redlin, Program Manager