

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, November 19, 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, Tom Konetzke.
Also present: Winnebago County Parks - Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, and Rick Helms.

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 meeting agenda. Mike Norton moved to approve the agenda. Steve Binder seconded. MC 5-0.
3. Approval of October 15, 2018 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the Oct. 15 meeting minutes. Steve Binder moved to approve the minutes. Larry Lautenschlager seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Parks Related Matters - none
5. Discussion of Pursuing the Establishment of a North County Dog Park Site – D.O.T. American Drive Parcel - Rob went over the proposed DOT property. He is still waiting for a response from the DOT on a commitment to lease/purchase/transfer the property and what that entails. A map of the parcel, directions to and entrance/exit were discussed. It is 5 acres in the Village of Fox Crossing. It is next to a manufacturing plant with no homeowners within hearing distance. There is a nice parking lot, some fencing and a driveway already in place. The question of noise from the highway could be alleviated with plantings or a wall sound barrier if noise becomes an issue. There is a light near the driveway and electrical available to hook into. There are some mature trees and what would appear to be adequate drainage. The buckthorn must be removed and the land cleared and leveled to varying degrees in some areas throughout. Timeline: May take a summer to process, grass to grow and etc. Probably open in 2020. If the northern 2 acre parcel is included it could be accepted for future development. At this time a small dog park in the larger parcel would be cost prohibitive and there are safety concerns for access. The next step will be taken when the DOT responds with details as to what route they intend to go regarding the lease/purchase/transfer option. Optimistically, staff hopes to be able to bring forward a definitive answer from the DOT during the Parks Committee's February 2019 meeting.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfer of Marwede Property Programming and Grounds Maintenance Responsibilities to Parks Department – It was decided to wait until a response is received from the DOT on the above (item #5) parcel. There are concerns with maintenance as an easement will be necessary to get on site. Other pros and cons were discussed. Steve Binder suggested a deadline for February 2019 to hear back from the DOT then readdress the Marwede property.
7. Update on Stroud Property – Rob reported that Aaron Stroud confirmed that a 25 year lease would be sufficient and would like the rent to be reimbursement for taxes paid, currently about \$250.00/year. Rob is working with the tax lister to see if taxes can be waived for public use of the property. Spring 2019 mowing could begin but a master plan should be devised for the parking and entrance as well as liabilities with water

dock and ADA access. Rob is working on a contract and will bring it into a future meeting for committee approval. It will also have to be approved by Corp. Counsel, reviewed and signed by the lessor and eventually the County Board must validate it. Timeline for approval probably March or April 2019.

8. Market Status of 770 E. County Road Y South Parcel – Rob has been asked to give an update for the County Board tomorrow night. There has been no response from the realtor regarding any offer from the Burke family; Rob believes that the realtor cannot provide information as there may be a conflict of interest were she to do so. Without such a response it is assumed that there is an offer pending. Therefore the property will in all likelihood be purchased by the Burkes. If that offer falls through then the matter may be taken up again. Rob indicated that he would stay in touch with the realtor so that the final disposition of the parcel can be determined and the status eventually made known to the Parks Committee and the County Board.
9. Year-End Parks Department Report – Rob reported that Vicky puts this together and posts to FB and our web site. Sue Ertmer asked that it be sent as a link for other supervisors as the printing costs would be too high. It has been posted on the web site and will be put up on FB next week.
10. Parks Director's Updates: - Storm water has damaged the Waukau Dam site again this year. WDNR is being approached to see if larger stone can be used to shore up the pond this time as the smaller stone has washed away. Will check with LWCD to see if they have input. The soccer shelter architect specs are finally completed and should be going for RFP in December or early January. The Snell Rd. entrance to the Park will close for the season 11/30. The north diamond fence has gone in and looks good.
11. Committee Chairman's Updates: - none
12. Committee Member's Updates: - Steve Binder asked about the stadium ARP. There was one proposal from Red Rock Productions, a contract has been put together and a meeting set up to go over specifics on Nov. 30. The proposal is for 2 large and 3 medium sized events. Looking for areas to use for community garden. Mike Norton – none. Larry Lautenschlager – none. Tom Konetzke – congratulated the parks staff on the WPRO award. Asked for details on community garden search from Steve. Netzer property size for remaining parcel, 20 acres. Lifest comments on new layout – all positive.
13. Staff Updates: - Vicky Redlin reported that the user group meeting will take place January 5. A save the date message will be sent after Thanksgiving. Rick Helms reported on the latest with the Raise the Arch campaign, the possibility of bringing in a Clydesdale show, a tree plan for the stadium, new grading plan with Ayres including the west pit to grandstand road and research on the pull track tarp.
14. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: -December 17, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.. CIP items, Stroud property progress on contract, DOT response on dog park property.
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:21 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin