

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting & Time: Monday, November 20, 2017 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, Mike Norton, Tom Konetzke. Excused: Larry Lautenschlager
Also present: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin, Tom McInnis- Winnebago County Parks, Autumn Linzmeyer, Lindsey Erickson – ReThink Winnebago County Health Department.

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. Approval of the Minutes of October 30, 2017 – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Public Comment Relevant to Items on the Agenda - none
5. Presentation Regarding Tobacco Free Park System – Ms. Linzmeyer and Ms. Erickson presented on Tobacco Free Parks. Questions and comments ensued. Discussion will take place at a later meeting once it is determined what the surrounding cities are doing with these type of ordinances.
6. Discussion of Request for Hazardous Buoy Marker(s) to be placed near Blackbird Island – Rob went over the request received on 11/14/17 regarding a potential hazard from Blackbird Island. The Sheriff's office and Park Ranger were consulted on this issue. As per the Parks mission statement regarding navigation aids the statement is included that direct routes between destinations will be marked. Though rocks and shoals are currently marked. The Sheriff's Dept. is in favor of marking the area as the island has largely sunken below the waterline and can be a danger to those not familiar with the waterway in this area particularly at night. Costs for a lit buoy plus maintenance of it would run approximately \$3,500/each and 3 to 4 would be needed to cover the area of the island that poses a hazard. Since the launch permit parking fees were just raised this amount should be covered by revenue. Rob will consult with the WDNR, LWCD and the parks contractor regarding possible placement, grant opportunities and ideas for enlarging the island and permitting for such. It is believed that the island is privately owned so there may be a limit to what can be accomplished at this time.
7. CLOSED SESSION
The presiding officer of the Parks & Recreation Committee at this point in the meeting shall entertain a motion of convene in closed session pursuant to the exemption provided in State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property and for conducting other specified public business, in that competitive bargaining reasons required closed session.

At the conclusion of the session, the presiding officer of the committee shall entertain a motion to reconvene in open session.

Chairman Finch called for a motion to go into closed session. Tom Konetzke moved to go into closed session. Mike Norton seconded. Roll call vote: Jerry Finch – aye, Steve Binder – aye, Mike Norton – aye, Tom Konetzke aye. Carried 4-0. Closed session entered 2:20 p.m..

Chairman Finch called for a motion to reconvene in open session. Steve Binder moved to reconvene in open session. Tom Konetzke seconded. Roll call vote: Jerry Finch – aye, Steve Binder – aye, Mike Norton – aye, Tom Konetzke – aye. Carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened in open session 2:52 p.m..

8. Parks Director's Updates: none
9. Committee Chairman's Updates: - this past WPRA conference was one of the best every attended.
10. Committee Member's Updates: Steve Binder questioned when Parks will be taking over the Ken Roble Nature Conservancy. Rob responded that he assumed that would be spring of 2018. Supervisor Binder also asked if a second estimate had been received for the soccer shelter rebuild. Rob responded that the insurance company is working with the Finance Dept. to obtain another party who might be willing to offer to put an estimate together. Mike Norton – stated that the WPRA conference was ok, he particularly liked the health in parks seminar by Green Bay Parks. Tom Konetzke asked a few questions on the Life Promotions contract regarding the attendance as 90,000 which is indeed the annual attendance and if for some unforeseen reason Life Promotions leaves in the middle of their land lease the stage would belong to them unless the land lease is broken and then the stage reverts to the county.
11. Staff Updates: Tom McInnis – reported that the pervious paving being used at the Ken Robl area is being looked into for future projects in the parks. Vicky Redlin thanked Tom for stepping in and facilitating the Dog Park seminar at the WPRA conference.
12. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items: December 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m..
13. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Steve Binder moved to adjourn. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned 3:06 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Program Mgr.