

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

Present: Tom Konetzke, Steve Binder, Larry Lautenschlager (via Zoom), Mike Norton, Don Nussbaum

Also Present: Adam Breest, Justin DeJager

1. Call to order:

Chairman Konetzke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Steve Binder moved to approve the agenda and Mike Norton seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of November 23, 2021 Minutes:

Don Nussbaum moved to approve the minutes and Mike Norton seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment:

No comment.

5. **Update** – Sunnyview Expo and Construction Update

The contractor is done with excavation work for the season. Some electrical work is still ongoing. There was more top soil than expecting. Ponds will be dug in the spring.

6. **Discussion/Action** – WI DNR Snowmobile New Miles - Additional Funds

Winnebago County applied for an additional 6.6 miles of grant-funded snowmobile trails amounting to an additional \$1,980 in funding, which increased the total 2021-22 funding to \$43,230. Mike Norton made a motion to accept the additional funding and it was seconded by Don Nussbaum. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Parks Director's Updates:

Survey work at Waukau Dam is almost completed.

Grundman Boat Launch awarded grant of up to \$400,000. The Parks Dept. is still applying for other grants and reaching out to private donors.

Working on Chapter 19 updates/edits.

Rick Helms has accepted the position of Expo Manager.

Justin DeJager will start as Marketing and Program Coordinator on Jan. 6.

Waiting for the new Parks Foreman position to be posted.

Working with Health Dept. to schedule future testing and vaccinations clinics at the Expo.

Staff is working on 2022 contracts for Park and Expo events.

The Parks Dept. will be purchasing trail counters for 2022.

Trees and shrubs have been removed from the front of Expo Center to help with water issues.

8. Committee Chairman's Update:

A couple questions about the Expo Manager position.

9. Committee Member's Updates:

Mike Norton – Keep a closer eye on dates when sending things out. ADRC committee has new director, might be nice to invite him in to talk about mobility in our parks.

Steve Binder – Would like blacktopping done on parking lots in the Community Park and wants to see the road shoulders built up. Talk to Lifest about using the stage for a potential summer festival.

Larry Lautenschlager – No comment.

Don Nussbaum – Would like agenda packet mailed to him for future committee meetings.

10. Staff Updates:

Tom McInnis – Not present.

Rick Helms – Not present.

11. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items:

Tuesday, January 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the J.P. Coughlin Center, meeting room B

12. Adjournment

Mike Norton made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve Binder. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin DeJager
Admin. Asst.