

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 4, 2009
PLACE: J.P. Coughlin Building – Volunteer Room
625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh WI
2:00 p.m..
PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Nancy Barker, Tom Konetzke, Arlene Schmuhl.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks, Chuck Steinert, John Daugherty, Bob Vaughan – Life Promotions

- 1.) Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 2:05 p.m.
- 2.) Approval of April 13, 2009 Minutes – Arlene Schmuhl moved to approve the April 13, 2009 meeting minutes. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3.) Discussion of Status of '09 Lifest Activities – Jerry Finch went over the basis for the meeting, staying in touch regarding possible improvements needed and issues arising during the event. He would like to have another meeting post-event as well. John Daugherty explained that the basic ingress and egress routes will not change due to Cty Y reconstruction. Patrons will enter the Park at Snell Road and park within the Park. The only vehicles using the Hwy 76 entrance will be vendors, tour busses and volunteers. Campers will enter through the main entrance from the Park and proceed to their designated camping spot as has previously been done. The stages will be staying the same with the Covered Arena being utilized for the secondary stage. All music will cease by 11:30pm with the exception of the Covered Arena stage which continues until after midnight. There have been no sound problems with the Covered Arena stage since it was moved back into the Arena last year. The blow through drop cloth will be installed behind the main stage as well as several trailers behind the stage as a noise baffle. Complaints last year of music going late on Thursday on the main stage were due to the windy conditions that would cause the drop cloth to be blown off during the event. Further, the weather was such that it also caused performances to be postponed by an hour due to storms. A meeting will be set up in mid-June with the Cty Y construction contractor, Expo staff and Lifest.
- 4.) Approval of Budget Transfer for Laptop Computer - Rob Way explained the need for a new laptop computer to serve the park rangers. The current one is from 2003 and has been repaired twice to no avail. A new one is needed. The old one will be kept in back up for other uses including an intern at the Expo. The funding will come from the Boat Launch Parking Fee fund.
Arlene Schmuhl moved to approve the transfer. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5.) Approval of Budget Transfer for Replacement of Damaged Wooden Dock at Osho-Nee Boat Landing – A DNR grant has been received for \$1,320.00 to help pay for the dock which was damaged by ice shoves this Spring. The remainder of the

funding will come from the Boat Launch Parking Fee fund. The wooden dock would be replaced with a seasonal dock. Tom Konetzke moved to approve the transfer. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6.) Approval of Budget Transfer for Replacement of Fixtures on Land Based Navigation Marker at Butte des Morts Boat Landing – Rob Way explained that the navigation system is showing age and to expect more replacements in the future. The land based markers are 14 years old. There are a total of 133 buoys in all. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer. Tom Konetzke seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7.) Parks Director's Updates – Rob Way reported that a permit is close to being given for berming in the front Cty Y section of the Park. This will create a more pleasing prairie area and another area for disc golf. The Eureka Boat landing parking lot will be graded by the Hwy Dept as soon as the conditions are favorable. At this time it is too wet to grade the lot. There is a possibility of putting in drain tile under the lot in the future.
- 8.) None.
- 9.) Committee Member's Updates – Arlene Schmuhl reported that the Pathfinders are again coming to Oshkosh in August and are looking for projects. She also attended the Oshkosh Visioning Committee meetings where the rehab of the tennis courts was mentioned. Tom Konetzke questioned whether grants from the DNR for boat landings have ever been denied. Rob Way stated that he has not seen a grant request that goes towards boat landing development/improvement denied during his tenure though some have recently come in for 25% instead of the usual 50%. Mike Norton asked if the ball diamonds will be rolled. Rob Way is in touch with the soccer groups and School District to help fund a rolling project.
- 10.) Staff Updates – Vicky Redlin provided an update on the May 23 Winnebago County-wide Rummage Sale.
- 11.) Future Agenda Items – Hmong group meeting before Labor Day event. Disc golf foundation grant approval.
- 12.) Next Meeting Date - June 2 at 9:00 a.m. meet at Park View for tour. June 8 meet in Volunteer Room at 2:00 p.m. with Park tour to follow.
- 13.) Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Mike Norton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.