

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Name of Commission:

Board or Committee: Parks & Recreation Committee

Date & Time of Meeting: Friday, October 30, 2009 at 1:00P.M.

Place of Meeting: Coughlin Building (Volunteer Room)
625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh WI

Present: Jerry Finch, Mike Norton & Tom Konetzke

Excused - Nancy Barker & Arlene Schmuhl

Also present: Rob Way, Donna Lohry-citizen, Ashley Hopkins-citizen,
Sarah Crawford-citizen.

1. Adoption of Agenda - Mike Norton motioned to adopt the agenda as presented and Tom Konetzke seconded the motion. M.C.
2. Ad Hoc Committee Mission - Jerry Finch reviewed the reason for forming the Ad Hoc Committee and mentioned that the mission would center on coming up with a recommendation on how to best program the Community Park beach facility given the circumstances, the conditions and the limitations that have come into play within the community over the past several years. Jerry then opened the floor for input from those present and proceeded to permit Donna Lohry to read the contents of the letter she had written the editor's column for the Oshkosh Northwestern. The letter provided her views and reasons for want to see the beach re-opened with lifeguarding staff.

Mike Norton then indicated that he would like the scope of the committee to examine all aspects of the beach program not just the re-opening it with guards. Rob indicated that he had been in contact with an individual who Jerry Finch had recently received a communiqué from about serving on the Ad Hoc Committee. Rob mentioned that the individual, Dean Witman, had told him that he foresaw that his area of expertise would be confined to giving input/advise on how to utilize guards at the beach, if it were returned to that status (i.e. numbers for coverage). Rob continued by mentioning that Dean Witman had put forth that the study should also involve taking a look at one additional option for programming the beach. Consequently, besides *re-staffing the beach*, continuing the *Service Center with the swim-at-your-own-risk-operation*, or the *stand alone swim-at-your-own-risk option*, the Ad Hoc Committee should also take a look at possibly shutting the beach down in its entirety. Jerry Finch made it know that he intended to suggest to the County Board Chairman that he appoint Dean Witman as a member. The committee then talked about the various objectives that the Ad Hoc committee would

need to address and examined the proposed deadline of March 31st.

3. Ad Hoc Committee Objectives - Mike Norton continued the discussion by mentioning how he felt that the Ad Hoc Committee must not be pinned down on only exploring the lifeguarding option. Tom Konetzke brought forth the question of whether the money factor comes into play as part of the mission. Jerry Finch responded by stating that it should be included.

Jerry Finch then asked that Rob read out loud the proposed resolution asking the County Board to consider formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. After Rob read the document the committee members expressed that the names of the Ad Hoc representatives should be included as a provision with in the resolution. Rob stated that he would add the provision and then send the revised resolution, along with the committee vote count, down to Corp Counsel that afternoon.

Donna Lohry brought into question the role that marketing should play in this study. Mike Norton asked that the date be reviewed and the committee decided from March 31, 2010 to April 30, 2010. The committee went on to discuss the various other deadlines that may affect the March 31st date previously given. After some examination the proposed Ad Hoc Committee opted to move the date back to March 31, 2010. Jerry approved this deadline.

4. Next Meeting Date - Lastly, the proposed members of the Ad Hoc Committee went on to discuss options for meeting dates. After going over several dates Monday, November 16th was selected as the best alternative for the initial meeting.

Adjournment - Mike Norton called to motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to motion. Meeting adjourned 1:45pm.