

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 14, 2012
PLACE: JP Coughlin Center
Volunteer Rm.
625 E. Cty. Rd. Y
Oshkosh WI 54901
8:30 a.m..

PRESENT: Parks Committee - Jerry Finch, Mike Norton, Don Miller, Tom Konetzke, Harold Singstock.

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept..

1. Call to order - Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of January 10, 2012 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the January 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Discussion of PARC Information – Rob Way provided information on Dane County’s grant funding program. It has been in place for 10 years and is funded through donations and conservancies. It holds \$500,000.00 in a segregated fund that carries over from year-to-year. Overall there have been few issues with the program.

Chairman Finch asked to move items #9 and #11 forward at this time. There were no objections.

9. North County Dog Park Update – There are currently two parcels that are in consideration for a north county dog park. One in the city of Neenah and one in the Town of Menasha. Representatives from both parties have been met with and our other partner municipalities involved with north county dog park development are on board for exploring these new opportunities. One of the properties came to light after a mailing was sent out to local jurisdictions and businesses by the WCFDP requesting info on any outstanding properties. If a multi-year lease or lease to own opportunity exists the County Board will have final say on whatever terms the County Executive puts together with the potential seller. Chairman Finch stated that it is his preference to have the dog park completely sponsored so that no taxpayer funding is needed for the project.
11. Committee Chairman’s Updates: Chairman Finch provided information about the WCFDP’s fundraiser coming up at the Ground Round. He asked committee members to put up flyers in their districts.
5. Report on Media Sponsorship Agreement – Vicky Redlin went over the basics of the contract with 92.9 of the Woodward Radio Group for official sponsorship of the Parks Dept. facilities. This is a no money exchanged contract and it is already written into client contracts that should a media sponsor come on board they are to be acknowledged. The draft contract has been sent to John Bodnar for any changes and he has not responded with a request for any. The original concept contract was devised several years ago by Vicky and John and has been changed only for the sponsor name. The contract will allow for a weekly ‘what’s happening in Winnebago County Parks’ segment and additional advertising for such things as winter storage and pavilion rental. The next step is to have the client signed contract sent to the County Executive for his signature. It is a one year contract with first right of refusal for an additional multi-year contract.

6. Approval of 2012 – 2013 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant Application – Rob reported that this is the annual request for snowmobile maintenance funding. The trails have not been open this year so far due to lack of snow. The \$10,000.00 for bridge replacement in this resolution may not be necessary. Rob will contact the club requesting the bridge work to find out if they will still be requesting funding and if not remove the amount from the resolution. This will be brought to the County Board in March. Harold Singstock moved for approval. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Approval of Resolution in Support of the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway – Rob explained the partnership that Parks has with this organization regarding the amenities that we have along the proposed corridor. This resolution is coming for approval to go to the County Board then on to the State for official recognition. Parks can put the \$150.00 membership in the budget for future years. The FWHP can do a short presentation before the County Board on the project if requested. Tom Konetzke moved to approve. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Expo Workshop/Storage Building Update – Rob updated the committee on the meeting that took place with the Facilities & Property Management committee. . Chairman Finch would like Rob to set up a joint tour with the three committees involved for the morning of March 8. He will also ask that the Park and Expo be put on the official County Board tour this spring. The other buildings near the workshop complex questioned during the meeting regarding maintenance issues are not under Parks operation. This project is driven by the need to replace storage at the UWEX garage that is in eminent danger of collapsing. The need for a breakroom, restroom facility, storage and workshop space for the expo staff has long been discussed and the opportunity to put the two projects together in a money saving venture was the result.
10. Parks Director's Updates: ADA update – Vicky is putting together a draft of the required plan for ADA updating and will attend a conference with Rob next month to gain more insight into what is needed in the plan. Wintertime Porta-John Service at Boat Landings – starting later this year, port-o-potties will no longer be put in the boat landing lots during the winter due to ADA and other issues, Community Park Street Lighting – the current system is in need of repair and monies were put into the 2011 budget for this project, it will be carried over to 2012 and added to, Lake BDM Boat Landing Project Carryovers – the DNR is requesting that all grant monies awarded be used, so a firm will be hired to improve the access from the upper to the lower parking lot at Butte des Morts landing with the residual funds from the 2011 grant.
12. Committee Member's Updates: - Tom Konetzke asked that solar power be looked into for future projects. He also expressed his approval of going forward in investigating the two proposed dog park sites.
13. Staff Updates: Vicky will be on vacation Feb. 29 – March 12.
14. Future Agenda Items: OYSC MOA, dog park facility developments, joint meeting with P&F and F&PM March 8.
15. Next Meeting Date – March 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m..
16. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.

