

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 7, 2013
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, Tom Konetzke, Harold Singstock, Don Miller.
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Way, Vicky Redlin – Winnebago County Parks Dept. Kris Kniep – UWEX, Michelle Kennedy – FWCDP, Trish Nau – East Central Planning Commission, Guy Hegg – Winnebago County Board Supervisor

1. Call to order - Meeting called to order by Chairman Finch at 8:30 a.m..
2. Approval of February 7, 2013 Minutes – Chairman Finch called for a motion to approve the Feb. 7, 2013 minutes. Don Miller moved to approve. Mike Norton seconded. Harold Singstock asked that a correction be made to item #13 changing ‘Butte des Morts Boat Landing’ to ‘Grundman’. Tom Konetzke asked that under item #10 line four take out the words ‘not too distant’ and in line 5 change ‘fair’ to ‘good’ regarding the condition of the roof. Motion carried with changes 5-0.
3. Public Comments - none
4. Parks Open Space Comprehensive Plan – Trish Nau went over the Power Point presentation and survey results. Comments and suggestions as well as questions were addressed regarding the presentation. The Committee congratulated Ms. Nau on her recent promotion. Jerry Finch requested that Rob report on how much funding the County gives the OCVB for marketing. General comment sheets were passed out for committee members’ comments to be returned to Rob or Vicky and then compiled by Ms. Nau into the final plan.
5. North County Dog Park Update – Rob Way and Michelle Kennedy gave an update on the progress of the Town of Neenah property off Tullar Road. A formal proposal is taking shape and will be presented before the Town Planning Commission in April. Ms. Kennedy and her group have been working with a design firm on a plan for the property. That concept map of what the ultimate long range design would be was presented and gone over. The design would be completed in phases over several years. The next step is for the Parks Committee along with the County Executive to approve the proposal to be presented to the Town Planning Commission. Discussion ended with the understanding that the proposal should be geared towards drawing-up a lease set on a minimum of 20 year term and basing the annual lease dollar amount on an appropriate farm acreage cropping rate.
6. Storage Building Update – Rob reported the results of a meeting with Kris Kniep, Mike Elder and Mark Harris that took place 1/4/13 during which needs and proposals for the building were presented. Some relief of parks needs has been given by the restructuring of personnel from the expo to workshop area though storage is still needed on the expo site. As Mr. Harris requested, a new needs estimate was given that was collaborated on with UWEX which moved the location and downsized the building. A new map of the proposed location and a revised estimate of space requirements were given to Mr. Elder who will resubmit it to Mr. Harris with dollar estimates for the 2014 edition of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan. The issue is in the hands of the Facilities and Property Management Dept. at the present time. Whether the older garages are to be

demolished is not known. If so, there will be a need for replacement storage at the expo.

7. Budget Transfer for Tennis Court Improvements - Rob reported that he had just returned from the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting and the budget transfer request was turned down unanimously. Mike Norton stated that he wants to move forward on this without the Personnel and Finance Committee's approval. He would like supporters of the new courts to be heard in front of the County Board. Then if the project is turned down he wants to request money from the General Fund to remove the existing courts completely. Mike Norton moved to approve the transfer. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Tri-County Ice Arena Discussion – Mike Norton explained that he would like to bring forth a resolution to the County Board to extend the Tri County Recreation Association's current lease for another five years under the current operating conditions. Other items such as the resurfacing of the parking lot and other funding requests could be worked out over the course of the renewed lease. The resolution would be brought to the Parks Committee for approval in April and then on to the County Board in May. Chairman Finch called for a special meeting to be held with the various stakeholders in the arena, the Youth Hockey Assoc., Tri County Recreation Committee, and County Executive on March 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the Coughlin Bldg. Given the approval of the County Executive, Rob will contact the parties involved to set up the meeting.
9. Parks Director's Updates: ADA Update – Rob stated that things are moving along with development of the Community Park roadway redesign concept plan which is integral to the proposed ADA requirements for the networking of key access points within the park. He added that the federal government has pronounced that completion of this access route networking within recreational based facilities like the park must be achieved by 2015. The concept plan is being worked on with Rettler Assoc..
10. Committee Chairman's Updates: - none
11. Committee Member's Updates – Mike Norton asked if a resolution can be brought in to proclaim May as specialized transportation month in Winnebago County. Chairman Finch asked that such a resolution be put on the agenda for the March 28 special meeting. Harold Singstock complimented Rob on his presentation before the County Board on the tennis court rehab project. Tom Konetzke thanked Ms. Kennedy for all her work on the proposed dog park.
12. Staff Updates - none
13. Next Meeting Date – March 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. special meeting on Tri County Arena, April 4, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. regular meeting.
14. Next Meeting Agenda Items: March – Tri County Arena, proclamation of Alternative Transportation Month. April - OYSC Soccer Complex Site Improvement, open space plan survey final results, northern dog park proposal, update on storage building.
15. Adjournment – Chairman Finch called for a motion to adjourn. Tom Konetzke moved to adjourn. Don Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Redlin
Asst. Expo Mgr.