

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hearley.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth, Diane Motiff, Dean Reed (-7:15)
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Lynn Hearley, Maria Roberts, Cliff and Ida Flavion and one other Holtwood Representative
- 3.) **Reed motioned approval of Agenda; Motiff seconded. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2018 was not called into motion.
- 5.) Public Input: Campers wanted to know the conditions of entering the grounds. Holtwood Campground will allow possessions in on April 23; May 1 – Oct. 31 marks the camping season.
- 6.) Correspondence: None.

- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. Bird City— Chairman Van DenHeuvel will attend the May meeting. It is time to attend Convention again. She also has a couple projects in the making. A couple of Purple Martin houses are waiting to be placed.
 - ii. Spartan Race – Keith Pillsbury – Chairman Hearley expresses that the City will not allow digging at the Holtwood complex. Pillsbury felt Holtwood the only Oconto facility appropriate: inquiries brought news that the west side of the H.S. football field was not acceptable; limited to the property size N. of VanHecke will be too small; the Sportsman’s Club voted the facility down. Newly suggested was the Mud Runs @ Delcore Road. Hearley was disappointed not to have a more detailed mapping; Reed wanted logistics including pre and post property damage from the event. The Committee asked about the construction of the structures to be set. Pillsbury couldn’t give a clear picture of what would be built but did indicate in his proposal that all obstacles would be above ground and not affixed to land. He stated that he would bear all responsibility. The Committee remained concerned about the well groomed property and how it would be restored after the event. Pillsbury felt he would have to find new grounds elsewhere as the Committee expressed opposition to the activity @ Holtwood.
 - iii. Tennis Courts in Oconto— We feel no hurry to retrieve materials from the Bond Center as the court base has yet to be laid. It was suggested we prepare 2 courts in N/S location. Plus our basketball court will also serve Pickle Ball. Lynn and Todd Hearley presented 2 future events that could raise necessary funds. July 21, 2018 @ Elks Club: Annual Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss Tournament: Note handout. The Elks are in total control of the alcohol; members also serve as volunteers. The Committee was formed by the Park and Rec. members who will present ideas for donations, food, drawings, raffles, music, and little one’s activities-- after our May 9 meeting. The event will require 60 teams with sponsors for each board. A mystery box drawing was suggested. The Rec. Dept will supply picnic tables. **Hochmuth motioned to approve the Annual Corn Hole Bean Bag Toss Tournament; Reed seconded. (5 Ayes)**
Hochmuth suggested we repeat it mid - October if successful: the week before Harvest Fest.

The Hearley's second suggestion was Cow Plop Bingo at \$100.00 a square (Apparently it has been a very successful fund raiser elsewhere.) It could have a \$2,500 1st prize, food, kid activities and bleachers available. Suggested was that it be in conjunction with Harvest Fest @ the old rugby field.

iv. High School Softball @ Holtwood— Bostedt reported that practices have begun.

v. Pickle Ball Court – Sharp Park – Discussed in a.) iii. Crack filling with an overlay with the proper tapering is planned.

b.) Aageson Pool

i. 2018 Seasonal Passes sale continues in progress.

ii. Lifeguards for 2018— Note handout within Committee packet. The Governor passed a law that allows 15 year olds in this position: note additional handout. This should give the pool a broader base from which to choose and more ability to volley hours with substitutes.

Anderson suggested a new pool activity with a machine that creates a foam party: an event the little ones could participate in on the grass, with State Inspector approval. The concession stand is waiting for us and we are waiting for a base: discussion continued on food potential within and around it. Anderson has a bid on a mini refrigerator. A trailer and movies were also discussed.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building— Trista Hobbs was welcomed as our P.E project manager from UPEA. She brought the proposal for the Floodplain Analysis. Three floodplain models are to be created for the new program which had to be updated: duplicate of existing model from 1979, a corrected existing model showing more accurate current conditions (baseline model), and a proposed model including changes to the bathroom/shower/laundry/shelter facilities. UPEA will work with the City to determine site and orientation. She led the Committee from the parameters to the proposed result. Hobbs noted that her fee cannot be withdrawn from grant monies. She stated that we need an OK from Council as the State and DNR make the demands on the project. **Motiff moved that the City Council agree to update bathroom/shower/laundry emergency shelter extended building. Anderson motioned second. (5 Ayes)**

Approvals may call Committee for emergency meetings. Grant paperwork is in process. Our same Holtwood manager returns. We will need a new office girl at the entrance and a new temporary for help on the grounds.

ii. WDNR 50/50 Grant— See above.

iii. Step one on project – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers and Architects - Motion above.

iv. Campground Reservations are as previously discussed.

v. Holtwood Way Road project is underway.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground: April weather keeps it still snow covered.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex

i. Volleyball League— A master schedule is in the making.

ii. Little League Brick Building & Shed— Shelving is being put in for their materials which will open up Parks storage. The City will bring in other equipment. Pitching machines will be located in the blue shed behind diamond 3 and 4 saving wear-and-tear on the property.

8.) Parks Update:

- a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth notes the snow is melting. Bostedt reports the dock is in. There will be touch-ups by the registration station.
- b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff Bostedt stated that there has been more ditch discussion: it is not City owned... it is County owned. Problems belong accordingly.
- c.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley - is still snow covered. A meeting with State in May will discuss money for maintenance as our costs exceed what is being covered in a State Park. It was noted that Bostedt now is in charge of museum workers as well. Motiff brought up the Shakespeare drama event: consider a City concession stand.
- d.) Freedom Park – All noticed that the clock is repaired. Bostedt reported that the fountain is still in process as its original mold is not available. An existing demo fountain, much like ours, may be an exchange for ours which was damaged.
- f.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson – Roads are under construction.
- g.) Sharp Park – Dean Reed Director Bostedt reported that the trails are getting bare: we need an event to lay chips this year. Community service and the National Honor Society were suggested.
- h.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff mentioned an incident of snow removal that was missed.

9.) Park Special Events:

Winterfest 2018 was organized at takedown for next year. Monies are in the account.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, May 9 @ 6 p.m.

An events committee (for fund raisers) meeting will follow (7:30 p.m.)

Agenda: Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2018

11.) **Motiff called for adjournment @ 7:59 p.m. with a second of Hochmuth. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by

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