

Minutes of the Park & Rec Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 pursuant to notice duly given.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hearley @ 6:25 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Darrell Anderson (+6:30) Sue Anderson, Beth Aubut, Todd Hearley
Oralee Martin
Others Present: Mayor Victoria Bostedt, John Bostedt (Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry), Cordula Van Den Heuvel, Dylan Lukas, Bob LeBreck
3. **S. Anderson motioned for approval of agenda with a Martin second.**
(4 Ayes)
4. **Approval of the Park & Rec. Minutes from the January 20th, 2016 meeting issued from Martin with a second from S. Anderson. (M/C)**
It was noted that the Storybook Walk/City Park funding needs to be added to the next agenda as it was omitted from this one.
5. Public Input: Van Den Heuvel has attended the County Tourism meetings and returned with these suggestions: clarify Holtwood activities for the public (activities are available for any citizen/tourist); publicized park overnight costs for those thinking of coming to the area, History on the Bay should be in advertisement. It was clarified that Holtwood has a copy machine and receipt book. State brochures are free advertising to any City event; the Oconto County Economic Development will process these for us if desired. Summer and fall events should be included a.s.a.p. Van Den Heuvel concluded that our parks need to be advertised more with suggestions to get involved in our activities available: newspaper articles.
Martin informed the Committee that she now has 3 Winter Wonderland volunteers.
6. Correspondence: None.
7. **Discussion/recommendation/action on the following:**
 - a) Parks & Recreation
 - i. **Skateboard/BMX** park update— It was clarified that to proceed, the group must investigate the plan from Viroqua: ID the contractor/obtain details of their facility. The Bond Foundation will respond accordingly as they need our entire plan, new sketch, and costs. S. Anderson will follow through. Mayor Bostedt distributed a company handout from Ron Hayes: the Stantec Company. Lukas has visited Marinette's Higley Field skateboard/BMX park built by that company; that structure is all metal and deteriorating as well as too costly for our needs. Bay Impressions donated all PR Bike Park support (approx. \$200.00) and these have been displayed throughout the City.
 - ii. Bird City— None.
 - b) Dog Park - Mark and Lauren Resch— This issue is in anticipation of the sale/potential buy of Ner Park with Copper Culture.
 - c) Ageson Pool

i. Procedure for Free Family Pool Passes— Martin has consulted with Cheryl Naniot (Cry Baby Club)). Confidentiality is emphasized, requiring a closed session to determine the results for distribution of free family pool passes. It is anticipated that she attend our March meeting.

ii. Update on Exterior Murals—The Mayor approached high school Principal Bill Slough who broached the subject with the art teacher: there has been no response. D. Anderson's questioning resulted in the 2nd year of her teaching it would be possible. Third, Hearley has also had no sounding result. Contest? Pool opening activity?

D. Anderson suggested we check the duration of our shower room walls pre-season.

d) Holtwood Campground Update— Director Bostedt reported that price changes are in effect and brochures are out. Winter décor has been removed. In the future, tube picnic tables are being phased

in. Reservations have been established for 66 campers. Holiday rates and 3 day weekend requirements at other campgrounds was mentioned.

e) City Park/City Park Campground— Our outdoor rules sign has rotted: it will be replaced. Ice fishing continues.

f) Holtwood Sporting Complex— No new updates.

8. Parks Update

I. City Docks - Beth Aubut ALL BELOW "+" EXCEPT NOTED.

ii. City Park & Campground - Oralee Martin

iii. Copper Culture - Todd Hearley

iv. Freedom Park - John reports that the clock is fixed and there is a new rope for the American flag.

v. Holtwood Park - D. and S. Anderson

vi. Sharp Park - Oralee Martin notes the dog feces. The park was not flooded for skating this year due to Mother Nature.

9. Special Events Update

i. Results of 2016 Candle Light Walk— Director Bostedt kindly thanked volunteers including Hearley and the Andersons. The attendance was estimated at 250 citizens. Sue Cross baked cookies and also bought more recognizing the need. Park worker, Gavin Stenstrup, also brought cookies. We are thankful for the volunteers of our Fire Department.

ii. Winterfest on Porter, Oconto Legion Golf Course,
Saturday, February 27th, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Free Raffle) S. Anderson picked up ladles and cracker pour containers for the continuing event.

10. Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:15 p.m.

Agenda items: Storybook Walk/City Park funding

Procedure for Free Family Pool Passes: closed session

11. Martin motioned adjournment @ 7:37 p.m. and D. Anderson summoned a second.
(M/C)

Minutes submitted by
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