

**Minutes of the Park & Rec Committee held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016
pursuant to notice duly give.**

1. The March meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hearley.
2. Roll Call: Darrell Anderson, Sue Anderson, Beth Aubut, Todd Hearley, Oralee Martin
Others Present: Mayor Victoria Bostedt, John Bostedt (Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry), Dylan Lukas, Bob LeBreck
3. **D. Anderson motioned for approval of agenda with an Aubut second.**
(5 Ayes)
4. **Approval of the Park & Rec. Minutes from the February 24, 2016 meeting issued from Aubut with a second from S. Anderson.** (5 Ayes)
5. Public Input: Director Bostedt responded to public awareness of docks placed in/out of the water. He stated that the goal is May1st for slip rentals and launch but all is based on weather.
6. Correspondence: New campground State Codes have been established; a free update session will take place in Brussels: John will take D. Exferd. FACEBOOK commentary was explored by Director Bostedt with 30 comments on the Holtwood Campground site: all but 1 complimentary. The latter emphasized the need for bathroom and laundry update: a Park and Rec. goal. Winter Wonderland received positive following as well, with photographs.
7. **Discussion/recommendation/action on the following:**
 - a. Parks & Recreation—
 - i. Skateboard Park - Update— S. Anderson shared a dig for information: Handout. It was noted that Viroqua's facility had an uphill battle; however, Terry Noble did his town proud by providing their journey overview and history. He included ideas, fund raising projects, variations of the project, and changes that would have been added to the facility if their City would have been allowed more input with the American Ramp Co. It was noted that we still need an updated price from Robb Jones of American Ramp who projects the project cost of 100k. (His unwillingness to discuss issues with Viroqua and now Oconto -a city of similar size- is distressing to Viroqua and is equally unnerving to our Mayor and the Committee. Mayor Bostedt distributed an e-mail from Jones. We still need concrete plans and updated price for the Bond Foundation to buy into the project. (The Mayor mentioned a possible sponsorship from parents of a tragic loss.) S. Anderson attended an event in Marinette: Guns and Hoses. It gave her fund raiser suggestions with involvement from our Fire and Police Department. (Competitions from the Marinette event can be viewed on the Web.) Sailfest and Copper Culture were BMX/Skateboard involvement potential. Ideas volleyed including an obstacle course at the former. It was suggested the school system create a prototype for public insight; Hearley will look into it with his son, Bryce. Finally, the fund raising at 2016 Winterfest on Porter was positive with S. Anderson's fund now totaling \$1,203.25 toward this City youth project.

- ii. Bird City/Storybook Walk @ City Park— No update.
- b) Dog Park - Mark and Lauren Resch— No update.
- c) Ageson Pool
 - i. Distribution of Free Family Pool Passes— Martin did the research and handed the sealed results over to Director Bostedt. **It was agreed in a motion by D. Anderson that these names remain confidential: Martin seconded.** (5 Ayes)
 Due to public wonder Director Bostedt clarified that the Park and Rec. Dept. gave away 4 one day passes for the 2016 season as prizes at the Chamber Business Expo. D. Anderson investigated the walls in the shower room at the pool facility; they need repair so it was agreed it be done close to May but before the Pool Opening event. Mayor Bostedt and the Committee agreed the Opening/Free Swim be June 4th with a rain date of 1/5/16. S. Anderson noted that the baskets need cleaning, a price list attached, décor put up pre-opening.
 - ii. Update on Exterior Murals-- Martin reported that the Oconto school's art department will work with both the elementary/middle school (a movable interior) and high school the exterior wall) to establish and complete designs. Both designs will be previewed by the Park and Rec. Committee. **Hearley moved to accept these paintings and preview the outside wall for durability before the artists come to paint. D. Anderson called second.** (5 Ayes)
 - iii. Use of Log Roll— This was a Tourism Committee Sailfest suggestion in which Administrator Perrizo investigated insurance. **Aubut moved to deny the Logrolling** (due to water movement and dangers) **at Sailfest 2016. Martin seconded.** (5 Ayes)
- d) Holtwood Campground Update— J. Bostedt informed of income due to 2 campers there this last weekend. He also stated that all Christmas has been removed from the property except for some lights, overhang and cords. Martin and Hearley questioned dead tree removal and the Public Services visit to trim growth in the lines: we have been in waiting 2 years on the latter. The Mayor will follow up on informing them of their responsibility. The City has already removed some threatening trees.
- e) City Park/City Park Campground—Martin called for more volunteers to repair the main rental building: replace boards, hole plugging, and painting. Hearley arranged a walk-through and inventory of needs which appears at the end of the meeting minutes.
- f) Holtwood Sporting Complex remains soggy. Diamond 3 is the driest. A port-a-potty remains throughout this season.
- g) WFRV Channel 5 Sponsorship— Note handout. The Mayor updated possible P.R. from R. Hayes, Chamber President. The Committee thought costs could be distributed between 3 Departments at \$525.00 each including Tourism and Harbor Commission. Mayor Bostedt will get more specifics from the source.

8. Parks Update

- i. City Docks – Beth Aubut - Police are monitoring the area for unruly drive through vehicles.
- ii. City Park & Campground – Oralea Martin awaits the cleanup and building reconstruction.
- iii. Copper Culture – Todd Hearley - Water remains an issue.
- iv. Freedom Park – All – The new flag pole rope was timely.
- v. Holtwood Park – Darrell and Sue Anderson – Dock will be placed when weather is stabilized.
- vi. Sharp Park – Oralea Martin says cleanup is needed. Basketball nets throughout the park system were discussed.
- vii. Bond Park – All keep an eye on it.

9. Special Events Update

- i. 2016 Winterfest on Porter was awesome with ideal weather: it was a full house inside. The Golf Course had a good day. Lynn Reed made cookies to sell which brought in extra proceeds. Both the 1st and 3rd Chili Cook-off winners donated their money back giving the entire event success.
- ii. 2016 Sailfest, June 18th, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. @ Breakwater Park & Harbor-- Mayor Bostedt indicated that ideas are welcome. A fireman hose event was suggested. S. Anderson investigated church movies in the City. It is common knowledge that when we use them at Holtwood we will need to pay \$350.00 per show.

10. Next meeting date/time: Thursday, April 14st @ 6 p.m. Meet at City Park Civic Building

Agenda items: Pool Opening plans
City Park walk-through and inventory
Movies at Holtwood

11. D. Anderson motioned adjournment @ 8:05 p.m. and Aubut summoned second. (5 Ayes)

Minutes submitted by
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