

**Minutes of the Park & Rec Committee meeting held on Wednesday May 18, 2016 pursuant to notice duly given.**

**5:45 p.m. Park and Rec. Committee members will meet at City Park for Pavilion inspection; approximately 6:15 p.m. a return to Oconto City Hall Council Chambers**

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Schreiber @ **6:32p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Diane Motiff, Dean Reed  
Excused: Beth Aubut  
Others Present: Councilman Al Schreiber, Park and Rec. Director John Bostedt, Holtwood Manager Rex Loendorf, Past Mayor Victoria Bostedt, Bob LeBreck, Trista Hobbs
3. **Election of Chairperson was called by Councilman Schreiber 3 times with nomination acceptance of Todd Hearley. Reed moved to close nominations; Motiff seconded. (4 Ayes)**
4. **Todd Hearley became Park and Rec. Chairperson with a motion of Anderson and second of Reed. (4 Ayes)**
5. **Called 3 times by Schreiber was election of Vice-Chairperson. With acceptance of Sue Anderson, Reed motioned a close of nominations; Motiff seconded. (4 Ayes)**  
**A motioned vote of Reed brought Sue Anderson to Vice-Chairperson. Motiff seconded. (4 Ayes)**
6. **Reed motioned approval of agenda with an Anderson second. (4 Ayes)**
7. **Anderson called approval of the Park & Rec. Minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting; second issued from Reed. (4 Ayes)**
8. Public Input: UPEA Engineers and Architects Project Manager Trista Hobbs attended the meeting with intent of making future Park and Rec. building a smooth transition with the State. Director Bostedt and Hearley find her capacity a move ahead in necessary plans, especially in wetlands, and with the DNR expectations at Holtwood Campground.
9. Correspondence:
  - a) Rory Lade's email (See handout.) Lade's investigation of the Skateboard/BMX park reveals that a steel structure rather than a 50 thousand dollars wood/laminate will now be our projection. New structure building fees need to be established before sponsors will "buy in". American Ramp's V. P. will be contacted by Anderson to negotiate our status. (We have approx. \$1,200.00 fund raised at this point.) The plan will have to be refined now. The slab, perhaps in stages, will have to be established 1<sup>st</sup> (approx. 10,000.00)
  - b) Director Bostedt informed that The Chamber and Tourism Committee intend to install a new 4' x 8' lighted sign (at no cost to this Committee). It will contain "History on the Bay" at Holtwood Campground near the possible future footbridge.

**10. Discussion/recommendation/action on the following:**

- a) Parks & Recreation
  - i. Skateboard/BMX Park – Update – See 8.a. Anderson has plans for Copperfest and a ball game in the future, with the help of the youth who instigated the park.
  - ii. Bird City /Storybook Walk (City Park) — Van Den Heuvel has the next seminar established. Director Bostedt informed that “Ride Oconto History” is up.
- b) Dog Park – Mark and Lauren Resch – Schreiber noted that 75 thousand is an estimated cost here. He based his information on the issue being a 15 year request here in Oconto and the recent Bellevue Park.
- c) Aageson Pool
  - i. Exterior Murals have been successfully completed by the H.S. Art Dept. and students. They are impressive. Oralee and Dennis Martin are to thank for initiating the painting; they too provided sustenance to the workers as did Janine Hornblad. O.H.S. Building and Trades also participated. Although the Committee will pay for the supplies, they felt a donation would show City appreciation. Reed and Bostedt also established a Thank You card from Park and Rec. **A motion to donate \$100.00 to the H.S. Art Department in appreciation for our pool mural issued from S. Anderson with a Reed second. (4 Ayes)**
  - ii. Splash Club Money— (Note: Splash Club handout) Anderson had established an account with the City, however auditing suggested Administrator Perrizo address it. To be more accessible, **Reed motioned permission to remove Splash Club monies from City Accounting to the local Credit Union with S. Anderson and Lisa account access. Motiff called second. (4 Ayes)**
  - iii. June 4<sup>th</sup> Free Swim Day will be held 1-5p.m. Anderson’s Splash Club will provide provisions, as last year, including mini Rice Krispy treats; monies will be used for needs at the pool. It was established that the week before the canteen will be stocked. A small refrigerator will also be purchased for needs there. Reed also suggested a vending machine for guards. Cleaning and touchup is ahead. Director Bostedt informed that youth lifeguard testing is in completion. Aubut will be an alternate sub with the potential of a 2<sup>nd</sup> individual (Riley De Cleene who works for Park and Rec.). We have our best guards returning for leadership. Director Bostedt is sounding the State Inspector about a wading pool for toddlers and their parents, at public request. It is also commendable that Gavin Stenstrup shows leadership as he has taken the CPO Test @ a 100% rating.
- d) Holtwood Campground Update
  - i. Campground Manager’s Report— Both the Monthly Report (a State mandate) and a Budget Comparison Detail report were issued.
  - ii. Campground Manager’s Update— Bathroom update is needed asap. It has been established that extra help is needed at Holtwood for it to function; both Bostedt and Hearley have been working at the problem. Discussion built around a present position which John will address in person.
- e) City Park/City Park Campground— The Committee inspection determined not a lot of repairs need to be done. Director Bostedt reported that 4 campers have already visited.

- f) Holtwood Sporting Complex--
  - i. New Scoreboards are wired and established with but cosmetic needs. The controllers are separately packaged to be used within their range and should not be crossed as they will cause havoc with the visual board. (Batteries need consideration per use.)
  - ii. Donation of Old Scoreboards is a pay forward of Oconto, says Anderson, as they were originally donated to us, states Bostedt. Lena Little League/Baseball anticipates. **Reed motioned our old scoreboards be donated to Lena (Little League-Baseball); Anderson called second. (4 Ayes)**
  - iii. Sportsmanship Signs for Fields 1 – 7 (Donated by Ron Daul – Daul Haus Realty) – will need more grommets and then will be tie-strapped.
  - iv. Little League & Girls Softball Game Schedules have started with 2 fields a night; more games building to 7 fields ahead.
  - v. Fence Crib @ Holtwood for Youth Football Collection of Aluminum Cans (Linda Norman) – Committee discussion is not agreeable with establishing said structure: too many extended problems.
  - vi. Volleyball Leagues— All play courts throughout Oconto are used nightly. Due to the heavy traffic @ Holtwood a port-a-potty has been placed.

#### 11. Parks Update:

- i. City Docks – Beth Aubut Director Bostedt informed that grass cutting is timed with the Perch Derby.
- ii. City Park & Campground – “+” Diane Motiff assigned.
- iii. Copper Culture – Todd Hearley Director Bostedt informed that the roof at the museum is being painted with leftover money from the boardwalk project. Hearley stated that the State must increase its maintenance monies; this will be addressed in the near future.
- iv. Freedom Park – All – Director Bostedt stated that the fountain will be up at the arrival of the Summer Crew.
- v. Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson – Note 9.c. and f. Summer is coming together.
- vi. Sharp Park – Dean Reed assigned and discussed as to check up.
- vii. Bond Park – Assigned to Diane Motiff.

Note: we are watching for syringe needles at all parks.

11. Special Events Update: 2016 Sailfest, June 18th, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. @ Breakwater Park & Harbor— Past Mayor Bostedt distributed a 2016 Sailfest handout with all activities she arranged and donations noted.

12. Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, June 15 @ 6p.m. LOCATION: Holtwood under the sporting complex Director Bostedt announced that Disk golf has been checked and main fairways are about to be cut.

Agenda items: Tourism “History on the Bay” sign @ Campground

**13. Reed motioned adjournment @ 8:25p.m. Anderson summoned a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
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