

PARK & REC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2016 @ 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 Hocmuth, Diane Motiff, Dean Reed (- 6:25)
Others Present: Park and Rec. Director John Bostedt, Bob LeBreck, Venna Dreshek, Trista Hobbs/UPEA Engineering
3. **Anderson approved of agenda. Reed called second.**

(5 Ayes)
4. **Approval of the Park & Rec. Minutes from the October 26th, 2016 Meeting was placed in motion by Reed and seconded by Anderson.**

(5 Ayes)
5. Public Input: None.
6. Correspondence: Webelo Pack 4064 of Matt Krueger sent a Thank You to the City for wood and campsite donations adding to their learning activity at Holtwood.
7. **Discussion/recommendation/action on the following:**
 - a) Parks & Recreation
 - i. Update on Skateboard Park— Anderson reported of a Farnsworth Library fundraising meeting. We hope to have a basketball game with City employees in March. Concrete poring is being investigated. Donations are coming in. A newspaper article and radio P.R. is anticipated. There is a Foundation search in motion. Another Grant potential was found by Perrizo/Bostedt. Local organizations are getting involved. A Website has been initiated: ocontobikeandskatepark@gmail.com. Another Farnsworth Library meeting with the youth/adults is in the planning.
 - ii. Bird City— Cordula Van Den Heuvel will attend our January meeting.
 - iii. Ideas from Joint Committees Meeting— A new meeting date will be arranged.
 - iv. Park Swings – Tracy Diaz would like to give back to the community by establishing an “expressions swing” and a “platform swing” at Sharp Park. She will write for Grants; discuss with the school systems; achieve a couple fund raisers; find business and sponsor support. The installation has been checked through our present insurance co. and has been found acceptable.
 - v. 2017 Sailfest – Chrissy Trepanier & Venna Dreshek will Chair our future Sailfest activities. They would like to incorporate utilization, respect , and understanding of our waters. The Marina has bought into the event. Chairmen hope the kids could complete a project and are planning for them to put together their own mini boat and the adults could build something too. Winner of the mini boat race could win a prize. Vending is intended. No bouncers. Possibly the Coast Guard will have involvement. Captain Kenny will continue with his pontoon. Other ideas were put forward.

vi. Parks Employees for Summer 2017 – Parks, Pool, and Campground – All past employees have been reminded to state their letter of intent by January 1st.

b) Aageson Pool

i. Friday/Saturday Night Adult Swim Parties— Tabled.

ii. Guards needing to recertify for 2017— All have been contacted and reminded that this is an employment expectation. (Options for this certification have been explored.)

iii. Pool Improvements or Projects 2017— A snack/soda machine donation requires 3 locks to be replaced: costs are being investigated. It was also noted that shade is yet to be addressed. Changing tables will be mounted.

c) Holtwood Campground

i. Campground Final Monthly Report— It is a positive change: mini golf was affected, however a possible horseshoe pit could be created in exchange or additionally. Tee shirt updates gave sales a boost. River users tend to utilize private property along the route: nuisance.

ii. Golf Carts for Rent at Campground for 2017/Storage of/Rental Hours—Although the street shop will be housing Harbor Carts, it was determined that we padlock Holtwood's carts at the office trailer. Rental fees could be 2 hr. (\$15.00); 4 hr. (\$25.00); day (\$50.00). We'll look into our expenses. We pay \$150.00 per cart monthly. Harbor will follow suit. Intention to rent more carts for events could prove very profitable: perhaps the carts will be charged at a weekly rate. It was determined that if 18 year olds can book a campsite, they also can rent carts. In the future, protocol to rent a cart could include: driver's license, credit card, and signature on a waiver. Liability will be processed by the City Attorney.

iii. Update Bathroom/Shower Building— Hobbs indicates their firm's move forward will depend on our funding first. Then building plans will fall into place. A short-term loan is potential says Bostedt/Perrizo. Form letters for donations/etc. will be given to Bostedt via Hobbs' firm. Other suggestions were made, including educational purposes already in use at the Campground/Holtwood area via a log of past educational documentation. Of trailers leaving-- no negatives, and all 9 have been replaced. Tee-pee rental, yurts, and cabins were discussed.

iv. Adding another Part-Time Summer Employee for the Campground— Intent is to employ an individual (June-August) who would work weekends from late afternoon through evenings. There is a precedence of extra workers at the Campground. Funding would be from money made and already in the Campground fund. This would alleviate the Senior Manager who has already labored the day hours. Bostedt will attend the Finance meeting.

v. Maintenance Dept. (June-Aug.) No additions.

d) City Park/City Park Campground— Winterized. We continue to plow the loop around. We hope to have a “paint party” in March/April. Windows will also be inspected and hopefully improved.

e) Holtwood Sporting Complex— Complete: winterized/electrical and furnaces maintained.

f)Parks Update: Winterized.

i. City Docks –

ii. City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff See 7.c.

iii. Copper Culture – Todd Hearley

iv. Freedom Park – All decorated.

v. Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson said Winter Wonderland, with the new team, is gorgeous. Director Bostedt added that over 1,000 people attended the wagon rides (400 anticipated). Anticipated tents in 2017 will help in the future and a donation jar will be located at the event.

vi. Sharp Park – Dean Reed Woodchips will be placed on the trail in spring.

vii. Bond Park – Diane Motiff

viii. Update on Winterizing Parks and Other Areas

8. Special Events Update:

i. **Winterfest 2017** (falls on the 2nd Saturday in February) February 11, 2017 @ the Oconto Golf Course. Any chili competition cooks should contact Sue Anderson: 834 – 2362.

ii. **Candlelight Walk 2017** @ Copper Culture State Park - the date is determined by Rod Barta and Pete Stark: February? Red “memory bags” is in discussion.

9. Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

10. **Anderson motioned adjournment @ 7:35 p.m. Motiff summoned a second.**

(M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl

