

PARK & REC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. The meeting was called to order by Todd Hearley who passed the nomination process over to City Council President Roger Reed.
2. Roll Call: Todd Hearley, Tere Hockmuth, Diane Motiff, Dean Reed
Excused: Sue Anderson
Others Present: Roger Reed, Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Rex Lohendorf/Holtwood Campground Manager, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Cordula Van Den Heuvel, City Building Inspector Joe Last, Kim Bronikowski, Stenstrup family, 2 couples from Holtwood Campground, and Miles A Winkler PE/DNR
3. **Election of Chair Nominations for Park and Rec. Chairperson were called by Roger Reed three times with the nomination closed by D. Reed and Hockmuth. (4 Ayes)**
With nomination and acceptance, Todd Hearley was re-elected Chairman of the Park and Rec. Committee in a unanimous motion. (M/C)
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman was sounded by Roger Reed three times with the nomination of Diane Motiff and a motion to close nominations by D. Reed and second of Hearley. (4 Ayes)**
With acceptance and a unanimous motion, Diane Motiff was voted Vice-Chairman of the Park and Rec. Committee. (M/C)
5. **D. Reed moved approval of agenda; Motiff seconded. (4 Ayes)**
6. **Approval of the Park & Rec. Minutes from the April 12th, 2017 Meeting was placed in motion by D. Reed and seconded by Motiff. (4 Ayes)**
7. Public Input: Lori Stenstrup would like to hold a Class of 2019 fund raiser for their After Glow at Holtwood Park by selling ice cream products both baseball tournaments June 23 – 25 and June 30 – July 2. **D. Reed motioned acceptance of a 2019 After Glow fund raiser of make-your-own sundae ice cream both June 23 – 25 and June 30 – July 2 @ Holtwood Campground where baseball tournaments are in motion; Hockmuth called second. (4 Ayes)**
8. Correspondence: Committee member Sue Anderson sent an extended update on the Bike/Skate Park including monies gained, and completion time, next fund raiser, and beverage tent fund raising at the Copperfest Friday truck pulls which she and the Elks will manage with a 50/50 profit). Also included is the Pool Opening and plans. A new concession desk, child's picnic table, sails (to be hung), curtains, etc. are to go up in the rooms, vendor supplies and money pickup plans are to be in place.

9. Discussion/recommendation/action on the following:

a) Parks & Recreation:

- i. Update on Skateboard Park/Fundraisers for Bike/Skateboard Park— See Correspondence. Gravel leveling possibly July
- ii. Bird City— Van Den Heuvel reported on Purple Martin houses up; under City Docks later. Like the past Summits, she requested attendance at a Fest on Purple Martins (no fee) to be held June 23-4 in Fond du Lac. The Committee asked her to keep receipts and she will be reimbursed for the 1 night and meal.

Motiff motioned to pay costs for the Purple Martin Fest at Van Den Heuvel's request. D Reed called second. (4 Ayes)

Hockmuth motioned to transfer \$500 from the Rec. Account into Bird City. Motiff seconded. (MC)

- iii. Ideas from Joint Committees Meeting— The Committee is waiting for it to occur.
- iv. Summer-Time Part-Time Employees— Bostedt is in process of 4 more calls/interviews yet. D. Reed volunteered wood hauling at Holtwood Campground.
- v. Ride On Oconto History— Director Bostedt reported that signs and brochures are in place.
- vi. View Finders— These are up and running at the Marsh and Harbor.
- vii. Purple Martin Houses—Two new homes have been placed at City Park.
- viii. Flowers and Hanging Baskets— City Volunteer Pat Hanson has placed the black dirt and plantings on Main Street. Hanging Baskets have been purchased. All will be in place by Memorial Weekend. Also wood chips have been placed at the campground, flowers at the historical Allouez cross, and 2 replaced flowerboxes behind the Pharmacy with railroad ties in the area being fixed.
- ix. Adult Volleyball League— May through August league continues; all 4 courts are used most evenings.

b) Aageson Pool:

- i. 2017 Pool Opening will be Monday, June 5th, guards available and weather permitting.
- ii. Pool Preparation included it being drained and pressure washed. Presently Park and Rec. will be mending wall and tile damage.
- iii. Lifeguards for 2017 will complete their swim test tomorrow; thereafter we will know who is available for the work.

c) Holtwood Campground:

- i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building— A lengthy rendition of our situation was explained by Miles A. Winkler Water Management Engineer of the NE Region/DNR. Three options are in focus:

(NOTE: correspondence between City Administrator Perrizo/Joe Last Oconto Building Inspector/and Miles A. Winkler Water Management Engineer of the NE Region/DNR.)

- Replace the movable foundation.
- Build it to the flood plane; may need to change easements; wet flood proofing continues with easement needs. Little facilities are less affected.

- Perform a building lift placing it above the flood plane. (Hearley agreement) It needs to concur with DNR 115. Winkler can do that with submission to FEMA (at possible 6 mo. wait with FEMA) and with a conditional proposal and final proposal with the concrete phase. (The proposal will ask if FEMA has ever been a part of these building plans.)

Spring 2018 Construction is potential. Winkler also has provided Program Guidance information for New Bathroom/Shower Facilities with/Recreational Areas in the Floodway. Winkler advised Last to document, document, and document. More information can be located at the DNR website: Surface Water Data Viewer (flood plains are in view). Trista Hobbs/UPEA informs us that we are still waiting on our State Grant results.

- ii. Summer-Time Part Time Employees— Girls will start this weekend; boys thereafter; the extra individual was approved according to plans.
- iii. Campground Manager's Report— Note Monthly Report with results dated 5/17 from Rex Loendorf. Year to date Review: \$25,694.89.
- iv. Campground Manager's update emphasizes his need for help.

d) **City Park/City Park Campground:** Director Bostedt reports all is up and running. The teeter totter has been repaired. There have been 2 rentals therein and 1 camper in the campground.

e) **Holtwood Sporting Complex:**

- i. Little League/Girls' Softball is in practice and games have begun.
- ii. High School Games (Softball) – Park and Rec. drags the fields; they chalk.

10. Parks Update:

- a) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth: The orange fence is up for safety; dock is in; life vest station is set.
- b) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff: If we paint it will be spur of the moment... probably in September. The outdoor buildings, tables and floors have been cleaned.
- c) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley: Director Bostedt informed that the Park and Rec. Director is now in charge of the Guides too: hours and schedule: 2 workers and a sub. It was suggested we get a push mower, weed-whacker, and rake out there. Hearley informs us that the State's \$1,000 for upkeep is losing the City money. This park is used year-round.
- d) Freedom Park – All: The fountain is ready for Copperfest weekend.
- e) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson: Disk golf needs maintenance. Bostedt informs that Holtwood has already been cut twice.
- f) Sharp Park – Dean Reed: Downed trees have been taken care of; trails could be groomed for a Scout badge.
- g) Bond Park – Diane Motiff: Dog feces and dropped trash are noticeable: Signage again appears necessary.

11. Park Special Events:

- a) Saturday, June 3rd – Nature Fest at Copper Culture State Park
- b) Saturday, June 17th – Sailfest at Breakwater Park & Harbor
- c) June 23-25 – Boys’ Little League Tournament at Holtwood Sporting Complex
- d) June 30-July 2 – Girls’ Softball Tournament at Holtwood Sporting Complex

12. Next meeting date/time:

Wednesday, June 14 @ 6 p.m. @ Holtwood Pavilion, weather permitting

13. D. Reed motioned for adjournment @ 7:33 p.m. Motiff called second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl