

PARK & REC COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Hearley @ 6:01 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth, Diane Motiff,
Excused: Dean Reed
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Rex Loendorf/Holtwood Camp Ground Manager, Alderperson LeBreck, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Cliff and Ida Flavion/park residents, DNR representative, City Inspector Joe Last
- 3.) **Motiff moved approval of Agenda with the following changes 7.a.) Holtwood Campground; b.) Parks and Recreation; c.) Aageson Pool. Hochmuth seconded.**
(4 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from July 11th, 2010 was placed in motion by Hochmuth with a second of Motiff.**
(M/C)
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: None.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) **Parks & Recreation**
 - i. Bird City— No update.
 - ii. Tennis Courts in Oconto— Director Bostedt informed that we are working with the Bond Corporation on a grant. With the successful *bean bag toss fundraiser, we look ahead. It was noted that Unlimited adds to community projects. (Blacktop cost: approx. \$5,000)
 - iii. Pickle Ball Court – Sharpe Park – County blacktopping will make a difference. Bostedt felt it best to keep both courts separate or participant waiting would be unpleasant.
 - iv. Fundraiser: *Corn hole toss Tournament organized by the Hearley’s update— With 14 teams and the Elks great setup it was supported and successful: \$23,000. We hope for more teams next year. Discussion ensued as to the event at Holtwood Park next year: weather related.
 - v. **Hochmuth moved to accept Freedom Park Fountain cost of \$ 6,599.00. Motiff voiced second.**
(M/C)
Bostedt informed the Committee that \$1,500.00 is insurance reimbursement. With the exception of the base bowl; most all else of the fountain (including interior works) is new. From our funds parts in repair and parts maintenance will help balance the cost. Is this really all a Parks and Rec. bill rather than a City as a whole?
 - vi. Oconto Youth Football— The City still helps with activities but organizations are taking more responsibility.

b.) Aageson Pool

- i. Lifeguards for 2018— We are minus 2 guards due to irresponsible replacement failure. Rules, attitudes, lax behavior, and cell phones were discussed.
- ii. Pool attendance— A hot/dry summer even throughout August has brought attendance above last year by approximately 200 individuals.
- iii. Pool tiles caused a 2 day repair shut down. It was noted that these were older tiles.
- iv. Pool Parties are becoming successful events; signs as well as rules for open vs. closed parties have clarified public questioning.

c.) **Holtwood Campground**

- i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers & Architects stated that design and flood plane remain issues.
- ii. It had been established that our model is antiquated: we may need 2 new models. Back water easement may also be necessary. Hobbs shared a preliminary drawing. If the value of the building is under 50% ... it can be raised. Flood way vs. flood frame conditions was explained: each affect our efforts. The Holtwood cross bridge is equally involved here... unfortunately affecting property campsites.
- iii. Holtwood Parking lot curbing— We are waiting for the U-lip placement which will keep the area from water overflow.
- iv. Campground Managers Report— Note handout. Holtwood is positively busy. An incident concerning vehicles per site was discussed emphasizing that the rule is 2 vehicles per site (including a boat as a vehicle); other vehicles must be parked off the site by the wood bin.
- v. Bogo @ Campground has been advertized (since July) as it starts after Labor Day weekend.
 - A new concept: campground/pool wristband price will be discussed in September.

d.) **City Park/City Park Campground**— We have had great comments this summer. New tables and weed control have been completed. There are 1 – 2 campsites occupied per weekend. The County suggested the City create a 4' by 4' increase in the ditch @ City Park to no avail: it increased the problem.

e.) **Holtwood Sporting Complex**

- i. Volleyball League continues at both City Park and the Holtwood Complex. Diamond 3 is being utilized for 2019 softball tryouts.
- ii. Little League Brick Building & Shed remain in storage process.
- iii. Little League, Babe Ruth (done), & Girls Softball— Little League has paid for fencing, fence protector, and the new storage shed. The offer for free food to working City workers exists.

8.) Parks Update:

a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth They are in good shape. The Sheboygan Tournament had 102 boats. There were more verbal thanks than ever.

- b.)City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff We need back door repair on the 1st building. (Interior painting yet ahead...)
- c.)Copper Culture – Todd Hearley The lower trail is cut and cleaned up. There were approximately 40 adult participants at the Shakespearian drama event.
- d.)Freedom Park – All +
- e.)Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Action is continuous as of yet. The wind down is ahead. Note that Diamond # signs are now on the grounds.
- f.) Sharp Park – Dean Reed Kids have returned to the skate park after a muggy summer. A slab entry to the bathrooms for the handicapped is ahead.
- g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff Weeds have been sprayed and is effective.

9.) Park Special Events: Update

- a.) Sheboygan Walleye Club Tournament Sunday August 19th @ Breakwater Park & Harbor was a positive event.
- b.)2018 10th Annual Oconto Fly-In Saturday, September 15th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. @ Airport has been taken over by the Elks Club with similar organization to the past.
 - A movie company presentation for Oconto via Anderson and donated by Jamie and Mike Johnson will be in our future.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, September 19 @ 6 p.m.

Agenda Items: Holtwood Bath/Shower Building
Campground/pool wristband

11.) **Motiff voiced adjournment @ 8:01 p.m. with a second of Hochmuth.** (M/C)

Minutes submitted
by Susan K. Seidl