

THE PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The July meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Hearley @ 6:07 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth, Wesley Markusen, Diane Motiff

Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, 2 Holtwood Campground Park representatives, Cordula Van den Heuvel/Bird City

- 3.) **Motiff motioned for approval of agenda; Anderson called second. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) **The following changes were made to the Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from July 1st, 2019 meeting Minutes to read only:**

- **7. a.) ii. Movies in the Park for 2019 will continue. Anderson will post dates on social media when movies are available.**
- **7. c.) iii. Campground Manager Report will be presented @ the next meeting. The Campground Manager was relieved of his duties due to different management, customer service, and leadership style. Present staff is handling issues, working together to finish out the season. A new Campground Manager will be sought.**

Accordingly, Anderson set the approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from July 1st, 2019 in motion with a second of Markusen. (M/C)

- 5.) Public Input: Cards have been gathered for Barb and a plaque for Rex will be placed by the urn.
- 6.) Correspondence: Last month Director Bostedt informed that in order to expect motions on Park business, meetings need to be before third week of the month.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
- a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. Bird City—Van den Heuvel reported that the Purple Martin presentation was attended by 94 individuals. The State selected Oconto for a future study: quite an honor. Conference 2019 will concentrate on Bluebirds. The Committee is pleased with Van den Heuvel's Bird City work; verbally they approved her attendance monetary support, and will anticipate a report on the agenda in the future. She stated that Oconto hosted several events (to the elderly, handicapped, children, and public in general) held in honor of Bird City to improve and monitor habitats.
 - ii. Movies in the Park for 2019— Anderson is still looking into its potential.
 - iii. Volleyball Leagues continue as a summer event.
 - iv. Little League/Girls Softball is winding down with practices, scrimmages and games on weekends.

v. Bubble Soccer – [Keith Pillsbury] No new information.

vi. Allowing leashed dogs at baseball games/tournaments/practices— Signs are posted. **A request is made that Administrator Perrizo update citizens of the ordinance in place and that it be seen in the Oconto County Reporter, City website, TV, etc.**

vii. Little Free Library @ Bond Park (Alayna Westenberg project) Bostedt has made our response and will contact Alayna for a date and time to establish placement.

b.) Aageson Pool— Bostedt distributed a report indicating the number of passes not including additional dailies; the yearly comparison of the number of swimmers per season; weather related dates; and the total attendees from June - August on a yearly basis. NOTE: 30 – 60 kids attend daily.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers & Architects reports

- Electrical panels were larger than anticipated: decision to stack the water heaters @ cost of \$690. Approval for Change Order #3 will be on the next agenda.
- Project Bathroom/Shower Building will be moving along quickly now.
- The State Inspector will view the work of the building tomorrow.

ii. **Pay Request #3 to Alliance Construction in the amount of \$102,610.44 was called into motion by Anderson with a following second of Motiff.**

(M/C)

iii. **Pay Request #4 to Alliance Construction handed out @ meeting, in the amount of \$39,568.97 was moved to be paid in full by Motiff. Huckmuth seconded.**

(M/C)

iv. Bath/shower/laundry building schedule— See above.

v. Campground Manager Report via Director Bostedt is viewed from the 2019 rain/weather and new building standpoint. Despite these changes in site availability, it appears to be a positive report.

d.) City Park (wet) continues in usage./City Park Campground is busy.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex—The Walk/Run was successful; it's leadership achieved the best cleanup job yet.

8.) Parks Update:

- a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth The dock is coming out due to high water tables (Park has maintained it by brushing it off river slime buildup); a new orange fence has been erected.
- b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff Saturday and Sunday pavilion rentals are full. For other information, see previous minutes.
- d.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley The Park department has widened the trails.
- e.) Freedom Park – All observed arrival of the fountain replacement part as the fountain is working. Flowers on Main Street are outstanding.
- f.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson New umbrellas & chairs purchased by Anderson are saving the public; sails are up thanks to Todd and Darrell (and baby changing tables).
- g.) Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen One observes fewer kids due to heat and the pool availability. Bostedt reports (waiting on the eve's trough) boarders have been protected with wood chips and they have also been renewed in the other parks.
- h.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff The children's bouncy toy duck with spring have been stolen.

9.) Park Special Events: Update

- a.) Waterfest @ Breakwater Park Wednesday, July 3rd; 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.-- Fireworks @ 10 p.m. The event is seen as terrific: fireworks unbelievable; event-full.
- b.) Color Burst 5k run/walk @ Holtwood Sporting Complex, Saturday, July 13th @ 10 a.m. Food, beverage sales & vendors As noted in the minutes, this went well.

10.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, August 21 @ 6 p.m.**

Agenda Items: Approval of Bluebird Conference

Change order #3: Approve stacking heaters @ \$690

11.) **Motiff ruled for adjournment @ 7:21 p.m. Markusen issued a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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