

**PARK & REC. COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1.) The September meeting was called to order by Chairman Hearley.

2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth

Excused: Wesley Markusen, Diane Motiff

Others Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Logan Frye (and family)

**3.) Anderson called approval of Agenda with a Hochmuth second.**

**(3 Ayes)**

**4.) Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting & Special meeting minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were viewed and placed in motion by Anderson with a second call of Hochmuth.**

**(3 Ayes)**

5.) Public Input: Spring Park Improvement/Logan Frye placed donation containers out again: present collection is \$110. The Committee would like to see Bond Park planted 1<sup>st</sup> as it is most City visual. With success there, Copper Culture's north face would benefit. Other suggestions and donations have been made: plants, tiller help, mulch (Hearley). Anderson made several suggestions including a stamp for stepping stones which could carry children's handprints and memorials. Contact with Oconto Memorial may be beneficial. Logan plans to approach local businesses as well. Park and Rec. remains impressed with Logan's youth project as we have added successful youth projects to the community.

6.) Correspondence: The "Little Libraries Big Impact" article was distributed: it gave eyes to the 21<sup>st</sup> century trend. Since our Bond Park instillation it has been used and restocked. The Committee sees a positive trend.

7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:

**a. Parks & Recreation**

i. Bird City— Manager Van den Heuvel will present next month.

ii. Movies in the Park for 2019/2020— Anderson initiated fundraising for our needs @ the Fly-In raising \$205. It seems movie equipment needs replacement as successful use has been limited. At present the Joel Anderson Movie Donations rests @ \$1,200 thanks to Anderson's classmates, et. al. Anderson also thought Waterfest could benefit from a blowup screen she has acquired.

iii. Little Free Library @ Bond Park (Alayna Westenberg project) – See 6.). Westenberg has added more books and holiday décor which is most appropriate.

iv. Tennis Court/Basketball/ Pickleball Court update— When the City gets some dry days, line painting will occur. Since the donated poles still had cement on the bottom and were bent from removal, new poles are necessary. It is also noted that we need more fencing and doorways.

v. Tennis Court/fund raising account— **Note handout. Anderson motioned to use \$2,371 from the Tennis Pickle Ball Court Account donations account towards its project. Hochmuth called second.**

**(3 Ayes)**

vi. **Park & Recreation Budget for 2020**— In Revenue the Tennis/Pickleball Court Donations leftovers need to be carried over. Expenses call for an increase in Utilities as well as a carry over in the Vehicle Replacement/Non Lapsing Account, and carry over in the Bird City Account. **Hochmuth issued motion to accept the Park and Rec. Budget as presented for 2020. Anderson followed with a second.**

**(3 Ayes)**

Carryovers will be requested in Capital Equipment, Capital Improvement, and Capital Improvement of the boardwalk. Note that Capital improvement will be spent before winter as shingles will be placed and there will be replacement of panels. Also Capital Improvements on the Pool and Capital Equipment will be necessarily requested.

vii. 2020 Bonding wish list items— Park's truck, and a non-cab lawnmower with a blower and bagger system on back

#### **b. Ageson Pool**

i. Lifeguards for 2020— Two guards will not be returning.

ii. **Pool Budget for 2020**— The Budget will increase in Utilities and Carry Over will be for Passes Paid for by Donations. **Anderson motioned to accept the Pool Budget for 2020 as presented by Director John Bostedt. Hochmuth indicated second. (M/C)**

#### **c. Holtwood Campground**

i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers & Architects centered on Alliance Construction & Design completion date problems: flooding (approximately 16 days); water heater design/installation; and the electrical situation. (Note handout.) Alliance Construction felt they were not at fault for these issues. Director Bostedt noted that performance of the

facility is testing well so far. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Hochmuth and seconded by Anderson to extend Alliance Construction and Design's completion date to 9/16/19.**

**(3 Ayes)**

ii. Discussion of completion date of bath/shower/laundry building project—Hobbs explained that 2 partitions are on back order, and in that to complete needs the site will have a fence, metal plates attached to the floor, and a 2" diamond hidden view with vinyl slat enclosure to be paid by UPEA.

iii. **Change Order #3 for Alliance Construction** called for **a motion by Hochmuth to accept \$5,370.50 (covering the plumbing and fence instillation) as our additional change order charge to Alliance Construction for the 2" diamond hidden view with vinyl slat enclosure. Anderson issued second.**

**(3 Ayes)**

iv. **Campground Manager Report**— Note the report documented and distributed by Director Bostedt. The rain and pond-ing resulted in seasonal elimination of sites as a constant challenge, yet we achieved near equal Revenue as of 9/2018.

v. **Campground Budget for 2020**— Revenue suggests that Miscellaneous will increase due to golf carts and the little store maintained. Expenses have increased in contracted services: Dumpster/Recycling, and Utility fees. Expenses also will have a carry over of Capital Equipment intended for GPS mapping study of Campground underground electrical and water. **Anderson called motion to accept the Campground Budget for 2020 as written. Hochmuth issued second.**

**(M/C)**

vi. **2020 Campground camping prices**— In the past, prices have been rated every 2 years; 3 years have passed due to construction of the long overdue Bathroom/Laundry/Shower Building. This completed, the following price schedule has been determined.

**DAILY RATES:** (2 Adults) River Grass Site \$35; Gravel Pad Site w/grass \$35; Interior Grass Site \$33; Improved Tent Site \$25; Primitive Tent Site \$22; Group Tent Site \$15 per tent. (\$5 each for Extra Adults per night)

**WEEKLY RATES:** River Grass Site \$210; Gravel Pad Site w/grass \$210; Interior Grass Site \$185; Improved Tent Site \$135; Primitive Tent Site \$125.

**MONTHLY RATES:** River Grass Site \$575; Gravel Pad Site w/grass \$575; Interior Grass Site \$550; Improved Tent Site \$450; Primitive Tent Site \$425.

**SEASONAL RATES:** River Site \$1650; Interior and Gravel Pad Site \$1600.

**Hochmuth motioned to accept 2020 rates as recorded: Anderson witnessed a second. (M/C)**

d. **City Park/City Park Campground**— Although pond-ing throughout the park, rentals continue, including the pavilion.

e. **Holtwood Sporting Complex**— September 30<sup>th</sup> the sprinkler system will be winterized/ Diamond's 2 & 3 remain in place with softball practice.

#### 8.) Parks Update:

- a. City Docks – Tere Hochmuth +
- b. City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff ...is rented, used, yet ponding.
- c. Copper Culture – Todd Hearley and Director Bostedt state that the boardwalk has separated... as predicted, without footings highly suggested in Park's initial plan. Dead trees have been resolved. The museum remains open through the 1<sup>st</sup> two weekends in October on Saturday and Sunday from 11 – 5 p.m.
- d. Freedom Park – All + Discussion of the Christmas tree....
- e. Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson states that the new building is a long needed achievement of this Committee. Future projects for the parks were discussed.
- f. Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen ...noted that it looks good; however the wood chipped trails are ahead.
- g. Bond Park – Diane Motiff All agree that it is always busy.

#### 9.) Park Special Events: Update

- a. Oconto Fly-In Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ Oconto Douglas J. Bake Airport
- b. 2019 Harvest Fest, Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> Main Street 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### 10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, October 16 @ 6 p.m.

**Agenda Items:** Pay request finalizing UPEA's contract  
Logan Frye/spring 2020 flower garden

Announcement: October 1 will mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oconto School's Cross County Race @ Holtwood Park

11.) Anderson summoned adjournment @ 9:19 p.m. Hochmuth issued second.  
(M/C)

Minutes submitted by  
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