

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The mid-October meeting was called to order by Chairman Hearley @ 6:10 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Todd Hearley, Wesley Markusen, Diane Motiff
Absent: Sue Anderson, Tere Hochmuth
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Cordula Van den Heuvel/Bird City Coordinator, Logan Frye & family, Attorney Frank Calvert
- 3.) **Motiff issued approval of Agenda with a Markusen second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from September 25th, 2019 was placed in motion by Markusen. Motiff seconded. (3Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: None.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. Bird City—Cordula Van den Heuvel, Bird City Coordinator, shared Oconto Marsh bird buttons with the Committee. She spoke of Convention highlights which have been implemented already and a special-event for New View. Birdhouse experimentation continues, recently with house sparrows, purple martins, and bluebirds (adding protection against coons engineered by Bostedt). School District involvement with building these houses was suggested.
 - ii. Spring 2020 Flower Garden (Bond Park) - Logan Frye spoke of pathway bricks becoming a crescent moon wall after his investigation of walkway deterioration potential. He hoped the garden to be approx. 25'x 50' facing toward the Bond Park playground, behind the brown sign. A non-tax exempt donation is being considered on-line. Director Bostedt will contact the DNR to seek permission to pump river water for the garden.
 - Addendums a. and b. concerning Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(e) and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (2) amendments will be added to the agenda next month as the wrong Committee was addressed in the issue, at the recommendation of Attorney Frank Calvert. **Motiff and Markusen motioned to place Addendums a. and b. in the Nov. meeting agenda. (M/C)**
 - iii. Tennis Court/Basketball – Pickle ball Court update— Polls have been ordered. Hopefully all fencing will be up before the snow flies. It has been decided to include 2 doors. The edges have been taken care of allowing grass upkeep.
 - iv. Tennis Court/fund raising account— Donations and monies gained through fundraisers will be used: \$722 will remain in the fund. NW and SE doors will be used for entries.
 - v. Park & Recreation budget for 2020— goes before Council 11/4/19

- vi. 2020 Bonding wish list items were covered @ the September meeting.
- vii. 2020 Candlelight walk/date will be in January/the same weekend Saturday as 2019.

b.) Ageson Pool

- i. Lifeguards for 2020—as discussed in the September meeting
- ii. Pool budget for 2020— goes before Council 11/4/19

c.) Holtwood Campground

- i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers & Architects have completed their work until spring at which time they will be finishing instillation of partitions, coin-op process, slats for safety fence, and seeding with a \$750 credit to be used to spread that seeding by our crew. The Bathroom/Shower/Laundry Building manual for the facility was given to Director Bostedt.
- ii. **Motiff motioned to pay UPEA Engineers & Architects their request of \$24,209.83- less the \$2,500 for missing items to be completed in spring- for the bath/shower/laundry building. Markusen called for a second on the motion. (M/C)**
- iii. Campground Manager Report handed out @ the meeting by Director Bostedt notes wet weather has been the 2019 season “cost” causing a \$4,751.41 less difference in revenue.
- iv. Campground Budget for 2020— goes before Council 11/4/19
- v. 2020 Campground camping prices have been accepted by Council.

d.) City Park has been winterized/City Park Campground will be closed when the snow flies.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex will be the last on the winterize agenda. Softball still plays on non-rainy days and 1 port-a-potty (at no cost) remains.

8.) Parks Update:

- f.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth WET. Barriers on the racetrack are gone... now forming a barrier on Bay Shore Road.
- g.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff states that it is waiting for gravel.
- h.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley Bostedt reported that we have shut down the museum, bathroom, and bubbler.
- i.) Freedom Park – All agree that the décor is very fetching for the Halloween season. The fountain will be shut down next week. Christmas tree?
- j.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson ... as previously stated, we are completing shut down.
- k.) Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen says it has been treated very appropriately for the season. Bostedt added that 2 plastic swings have been broken and are on reorder.

l.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff +

9.) Park Special Events: Update

- a.) Oconto Fly-In Saturday, September 21st, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ Oconto Douglas J. Bake Airport
- b.) 2019 Harvest Fest, Saturday September 28th Main Street 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- c.) Oconto High School Cross Country race @ Holtwood Park, Tuesday, October 1st from 3p.m. to 7 p.m. Although the event had rain... it was successful, however pickup truck tracks were unappreciated.

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

Agenda Items: Addendums a. and b. concerning Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (e) and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (2)

11.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 7:05 p.m. Hearley issued second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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