

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

- 1.) The Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by Chairman Hearley @ 8:04 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth, Wesley Markusen, Diane Motiff  
Absent: Sue Anderson  
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, Trista Hobbs/UPEA, Attorney Frank Calvert, Logan Frye family
- 3.) **Markusen called motion for approval of Agenda; Motiff expressed a second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. meeting minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was issued by Markusen with a Motiff second. (M/C)**
- 5.) Public Input: Logan and Mom indicated that donation jars have again been placed in the public: at this pt there is \$150 in the fund. (Results of the closed session suggested a hold on donations.)
- 6.) Correspondence: Director Bostedt informed that Council accepted the 2020 Budget.
- 7.) **The Committee voted to convene into Closed Session at 6:08 p.m. via a motion of Markusen and second of Hochmuth , pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for the following item: Spring 2020 Flower Garden (4 Ayes)**
- 8.) **Park and Rec. Committee voiced a vote via Markusen at approximately 6:35 p.m. to reconvene into Open Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for the remainder of the agenda. Motiff motioned a second. (M/C)**
- 9.) Action/Discussion on Matters from Closed Session led to these results:  
Bond Park is not acceptable for a flower garden due to a river crossing bridge anticipated (length of time to completion is questionable as the wetland study will be finished by the end of December). Copper Culture State Park, next considered, next considered as an option needs DNR approval. Director Bostedt will speak to the DNR on the Frye behalf and share the results thereafter.
- 10.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a.) Parks & Recreation
    - i. Bird City— No new updates.
    - ii. Spring 2020 Flower Garden (Bond Park) See # 9.
    - iii. Tennis Court/Basketball/Pickle ball Court is in pre-winter hesitation until the poles can be raised.
    - iv. 2020 Candlelight walk/date: Saturday, February 1: 3 p.m. set up  
Candlelight walk 5:30 – 8 p.m. 8:15 pick up
  - b.) Aageson Pool— Winterized.
  - c.) Holtwood Campground
    - i. Update Bathroom/Shower Building – Trista Hobbs UPEA Engineers & Architects work has been completed.
    - ii. Pay request for bath/shower/laundry building— **Markusen called motion contingent upon 2 shower coin-op installments to pay \$1,750; Hochmuth witnessed the second. (M/C)**
    - iii. **Change Order #4 for a credit/deduction of \$750 from the final payment was issued by Markusen and then Motiff. (M/C)**

Director Bostedt was disappointed with the construction manager who did not follow through with all agreed specs and aesthetic results. Hobbs/UPEA informed that we should get the final invoice from her engineering firm with a survey of quality soon. She will return to a meeting in December or January.

iv. Campground Manager Report via serving Director John Bostedt shows a year to date \$195,925.54 revenue; and a difference of \$4974.05 from 2019. Despite weather challenged throughout the summer and bath/shower/laundry building project, results were an unanticipated success. The Committee felt that more wages for staff, as recommended in the budget, should be rewarded somehow to those employees Bostedt recognizes.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground— Winterized. The port-a-potty will be moved mid-month.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex— Winterized.

11.) Parks Update:

a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth +

b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff +

c.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley +

d.) Freedom Park – All Hearley and Bostedt will donate time and efforts to seek out and cut a Christmas tree for the City. +

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Winterized. +

f.) Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen Kids are positively active. +

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff The public noted 3 boys, taking turns, in the middle of the highway challenging traffic last weekend. In the past there were kids, Director corrected, curb-sitting with legs out anticipating traffic. One street light out: note WPS.

12.) Park Special Events: Update

2019-2020 Winter Wonderland: Markusen informed that lighting should be added to the park entrance as walkers need to be more visible and drivers more alert.

Note handout: Boucher was praised by the Committee for her expert management of this City project. It is anticipated that there will be 90 trees (70 last year) increasing an already outstanding effect.

13.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, December 11 @ 6 p.m. (Excused: Motiff)

14.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @7:50 p.m. with a Markusen second.**

**(M/C)**

Minutes submitted  
by Susan K. Seidl