

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
AT CITY PARK BOSTEDT PAVILION
5182 COUNTY N, Oconto, WI 54153

1.) The 6/17/2020 meeting of Park and Rec. was called to order by Chairman Todd Hearley.

2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Diane Motiff

Excused: Tere Hochmuth, Wesley Markusen

Also Present: Director of Park, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt

3.) **Anderson witnessed approval of Agenda; Motiff expressed second. (3Ayes)**

4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020 with the following changes:**

9.) **vi. Not circling rather corcling**

vii. Not blacktopped rather filled in with soil and graveled

viii. Not 1 man down rather two men down

b.) Ageson Pool

iv. Not County guidelines rather State guidelines

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. Eliminate the sentence on returning.

was called to motion by Motiff with second by Anderson.

(3 Ayes)

5.) Public Input: None.

6.) Correspondence:

- A letter received (handed out @ meeting) revolved on discussion of an established walking trail which the public uses accordingly @ Sharp Park. If we were to change that, the letter suggested, there would be much to publically consider; also, what would that involve? At present there is a Boy Scout re-chipping the Sharp Park trail.
- Anderson received a call from the Huggets/American Family Insurance. They would like to sponsor a night at Holtwood movie complex: American Family Night. Committee discussion as to its future was heard and will be in progression. Equipment for operating the movies will be checked out.
- Director Bostedt in a discussion with Administrator Perrizo hopes to apply for lost revenue @ the campground, pool, park rentals, pavilions....

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

a.) Parks & Recreation

i. Bird City/Cordula VandenHeuvel— No new information.

ii. Spring 2020 Flower Garden-- No new information.

iii. Tennis Court/Basketball – Pickle ball Court update relays that the fencing is nearly complete. Striping will occur soon. A need to get rid of damaged fencing was solved.

iv. Summit Players Theatre Copper Culture State Park 2020 performance & workshop— Due to the Covid 19 it is cancelled for 2020 but planning is on for 2021: a date needs to be established.

v. Parks & Pavilions— Park outdoor equipment is used at-your-own-risk. Pavilion rentals started last weekend.

vi. City Docks Project— This bill has been paid.

vii. 2020 Parks Employees— Two are hired: one is a former lifeguard; one is laid up for a week. They did work from Tuesday through Friday last week.

b.) Ageson Pool update— Due to Covid, arranging for it to open makes the past successful enterprise impossible for 2020, as is seen in many communities. Were we to open, we would have to advertize missing positions for 2 weeks ahead and that would include extra distancing adults and 2 sanitizers every 2 hours: Park and Rec. does not have monies to cover these extra individuals. Also a new capacity # needs to be established and must be kept at that # as dictated by State Inspectors. Finally, there remains professional tiling to be completed.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. 2020 Reservations are still coming in: 38 coming in for the weekend ahead.

ii. 2020 Seasonals— Only 1 site is open.

iii. Opening dates— May 26th Holtwood Campground opened to those who wanted to pull in, however there would no utilities.

iv. 2020 Seasonal rates— Those coming found rates, due to weather adjustment, fair.

v. Campground Manager— We still need one. There have been complaints about campers being self-contained; however, this is due to Covid. (All campers where informed of the inconvenience as they signed up.) The monthly report was distributed.

vi. Campground employees— All are working. Seasonal rental equipment is being wiped down by staff periodically.

vii. Rentals & bathroom/shower buildings— This was discussed with v. We are still waiting for hookup by of equipment from the provider. Note: Motiff says this is a shelter and should be recognized by the State accordingly.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground— It remains impossible with limited staffing and monies to wipe down all activity equipment. Purchase of a sanitary fogging machine was suggested. A new State Inspector will be coming to Holtwood, City Park Campground....

A couple of permits need to be updated by September.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex

i. Little League games/practices have been continuing, though no leagues.

ii. Softball League games/practices have been continuing as above.

iii. Boys & Girls Tournaments— Although the Boys Tournament has been cancelled, the Girls Tournament has new dates of August 21, 22, 23.

8.) Parks Update:

d.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth Bostedt reports that the water level is down a bit and we are waiting on the cement pad.

e.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff Hearley says they look fantastic; the berm is protecting the bay road; Bostedt also showed the committee the renewed panels in the open pavilion which were vandalized.

f.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley Bostedt reported that the grass is cut and area cleaned up; 3 tour guides are working. Here too, the security system needs to be updated for 2021: The Historical Society/Copper Culture needs to take note.

g.) Freedom Park – All The clock and fountain are on Covid time.

h.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson reports that the area is attractive, but draining.

- i.) Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen Bostedt reports it as busy. Note that the men's bathroom urinal and interior has been vandalized, therefore it is closed at present.
- j.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff Bostedt says that the work there should be completed by the end of next week. The park is being used.

9.) Park Special Events: Update

- a) Free installed smoke detectors- Oconto Fire & Rescue Department – with any questions or to set up an appointment to install call (920) 834-7775
- b) 2020 Oconto Girls Softball Tourney rescheduled: August 21,22, & 23
- c) 2020 Fishing Tournaments (same set up so far)

We have 3 tournaments in July: 2 AIM one a Sat., one a Sun.; and Cabellas
Larry Behnke will also have a 19 boat tournament in the beginning of August
August 16 will be the Sheboygan Walleye Tournament

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, July 15 @ 5 p.m.

11.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 6:25 p.m. with an Anderson second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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