

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 16th, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Oconto City Hall council chambers

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Hearley @ 5:09 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Tere Hochmuth, Wesley Markusen, Diane Motiff
Also Present: Director of Park, Rec. and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Markusen witnessed approval of Agenda; Motiff expressed second.** (5 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2020 was called to motion by Markusen with second of Motiff.** (5 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: Director Bostedt was contacted by American Legion representative Ed Weiglet who requested the WWII cannon of City Park be moved to a new area militarily prepared @ the back of the Beyer Home Museum (behind the Carriage House). Motiff sought history of how it got placed @ City Park: Bostedt will check with Administrator Perrizo for some history. TABLED.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. Bird City— Oconto made High Flying Status again this year: Cordula VanDenHeuvel has maintained its outstanding leadership.
 - ii. Spring 2020 Flower Garden— No updates. Remove from agenda.
 - iii. Tennis Court/Basketball – Pickleball Court update – Recent weather continues to be a challenge: lines and striping will be completed soon.
 - iv. Parks & Pavilions— There have been a few cancellations, however, all are being rented.
 - v. 2020 Parks Employees— We have a temporary summer-time student working.
 - vi. Tree City USA— Here too the City of Oconto has been given a 20 year member “gold status”, with plaques and flag.
 - vii. Dead heads in river have been removed by the crew: McDonald walk path to Railroad Bridge and then to the harbor launch area. The debris is due to our revolving high water table and storms.
 - b.) Ageson Pool has a closed 2020 status due to Covid 19.
 - c.) Holtwood Campground
 - i. 2020 Reservations have been sold out the last 3 weekends for all the sites we could use. We have lost sites and revenue due to the high water table. Our farther out sites need a port-a-potty and wash station, by law.
 - ii. 2020 Seasonals— 49 sites are taken; 2 are rented out monthly. One camper sold his trailer and asked for his money back. The lease was terminated by the camper. Our attorney needs to evaluate the unique unexpected situation and create a lease for future campers. TABLED.
 - iii. Campground employees— Holtwood Campground NEEDS a Manager.
 - iv. Rentals & bathroom/shower/laundry building is now in use: All are cleaned 2 times a day (dawn/2:30, and an added 6:30 p.m. on weekends). Showers operate well. Washers need adjustment as they are too hot. (Boehmer’s is checking this out.) All dryers (a basket within was missing/caused us to recoup \$4 for lint covered clothes) operate; however 2 had to be fixed already (they are cleaned after each use). Rental equipment is being sanitized on each return.
 - v. Campground manager’s Monthly Report [See hand out @ meeting] – Hearley suggested we seek a DNR permit to lift the south side AND bring it back 50’: due to loss of site revenue. The river affects the area whether it is high or low. We need to raise the inner area and the culvert could be included in the option.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground— No vandalism but there are problems: lack of payment for sites; homelessness; “washing up” on the shore.

i. Little League games/practices— All is winding down....

ii. Softball League games/practices— “ Activity will completed @ the end of the month.

iii. Girls Tournament— August.

8.) Parks Update:

a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth - Wet- Wind is a problem.

b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff Discussed throughout the meeting-

c.) Copper Culture – Todd Hearley Looks good. There have been quite a few visitors, reports Bostedt.

d.) Freedom Park – All The clock is repaired; the light on the flag is also readjusted.

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Bostedt reported launch payments are being made.

f.) Sharp Park – Wesley Markusen Bostedt shared an elderly resident’s complaint. It was noted that individuals are walking trails in Sharp Park after hours. Bostedt and Oconto police have been making rounds after hours; the crew also shaved brush in the area for visibility.

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff - Full constantly-

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 (set up so far)

- 2 AIM Tournaments will occur this weekend: Saturday and Sunday, with approximately 80 boats participating each day. (No fish cleaning)
- Cabellas Tournament will occur next week Thursday and Friday; Our Sportsman’s Club will provide the fish cleaning station.

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

Agenda Items: WWII cannon @ City Park/American Legion Ed Weigelt

2020 Seasonal trailer issue and lease in present and future issues

DNR permit due to loss of revenue

11.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 6:45 p.m. with a second followed by Markusen.**

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Submitted by

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