

JOINT MEETING OF PARK & REC. AND TOURISM COMMITTEES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) The joint meeting of Park and Rec. and Tourism Committees was called to order by Sue Anderson.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Tere Hochmuth, Lori Stenstrup
Excused: Diane Motiff, John W. Reed, and John Bostedt: Director of Park, Rec. and Forestry
Also Present: Tourism Committee members: Ron Hayes, Dr. John Honish, & Jean Young, and Alternate Susan K. Seidl; Sam Boucher of Winter Wonderland leadership and 2 of her staff
- 3.) **Stenstrup called for approval of Agenda; Hochmuth motioned second.** (3 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2021 was placed in motion by Hochmuth. A second motion of Stenstrup followed.** (3 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: None.
- 7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - i. 2022 Family Fun Day @ City Park established the joint meeting of Park and Rec. and Tourism. Ideas for the event were hoped by Park and Rec. who wanted to improve the existing equipment and usefulness of the extended property. They already had a few potential money-makers. Chairman Hayes indicated Tourism was there to help Park and Rec. establish a day and needs for the City Park fundraiser. Selecting a date was suggested by Tourism: either Saturday Aug 13, or 20th. A question was raised as to what kind of athletic events are occurring in the parks already: Director Bostedt will report. Seidl established that the 20th would conflict with the County Fair in Gillett. Hayes had contacted two civic organizations: Elks and Lion's Club who would be interested in being present with food (and give some \$ back?): we must follow up. He also said any kind of activities could occur from tug-of-war, to music, and burlap legged races, as well as horseshoes. Families could donate for renewed and future equipment. Park and Rec. could collect prizes and raffle with paddles throughout the day. The Historical Society could use 1 pavilion with memorabilia and maybe short presentations. Anderson shared her thoughts on a car show, & corn-hole tournament. Hochmuth explained the present needs without a budget: sandblast the old school equipment, paint the swing sets from Lincoln and Jefferson schools, and also the pavilion: repurposing what we have. Stenstrup has been doing some park comparison with Peshtigo. More ideas are hoped with the 2nd Joint meeting Wednesday, January 19th @ 6 p.m. wherein a Family Fun Day with backup date will be calendared.
 - ii. 2022 Candlelight Walk— Rules for the event were once again reviewed and discussed. Volunteers continue to be needed with hopes the Fire and Police Departments are visible. Anderson sounded the music idea using speakers form the pool; and thought of a wish booth. Otherwise, the event will be much the same as established. **Hochmuth motioned to establish the 2022 Candlelight Walk for February 5th with a second of Anderson.** (M/C)
- 8.) Parks Update:
 - a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth FROZEN!
 - b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff Hochmuth noted all was fine.
 - c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup Nothing to report.
 - d.) Freedom Park – All De-decked except for winter effects.

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson praised Winter Wonderland at the hand of Boucher and her team. Thereafter discussion followed including City support and resignation of Boucher. It was established that we need to raise \$ for automatic timers. The Committee has requested her procedure in writing as they would like to assist and wish more City Depts. could be a part of the process. (Boucher thought Chris and Marie Roberts may be interested in taking over.)

f.) Sharp Park – John W. Reed Hochmuth has observed the playfulness of little ones enjoying the snow-formed skateboard ramp.

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff All noted it to be fine.

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) 2022 Candlelight Walk @ Copper Culture State Park. Saturday, February 5th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Set up will be @ 3:00 p.m., with clean up @ 8:15 p.m.

10.) **Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Joint meeting Wednesday, January 19 @ 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16 @ 6 p.m.

Agenda Items: ID Sandblasting person, painting, etc.

11.) **Stenstrup summoned adjournment @7:33 p.m. Hochmuth motioned second.**
(M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl