

**JOINT MEETING PARK & REC. and TOURISM COMMITTEES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) The Joint meeting of Park and Rec. and Tourism was called to order by Chairperson Sue Anderson @ 6:01 p. m.

Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Tere Hochmuth, John W. Reed, Lori Stenstrup

Excused: Diane Motiff

Also Present: Tourism Committee members: Ron Hayes, Dr. John Honish, and Alternate Susan K. Seidl

- 2.) **Hochmuth moved for approval of Agenda; Reed called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 3.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 issued from Stenstrup with a Hochmuth second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) Public Input: Anderson was given notes from Director of Park, Rec. and Forestry, John Bostedt. He is working with Tabbi to achieve a 50-thousand-dollar grant for City Park. There remains a backup plan with the Bond Foundation for \$ 5,000.
- 5.) Correspondence: None.

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

**i. 2022 Family Fun Day @ City Park, the main event of this meeting, established a date of Saturday, August 13, 2021 via a motion of Reed and second of Hochmuth. (M/C)**

- According to Director Bostedt's sounding, there will be no conflicting sports events in Oconto parks on the above date.
- Should we call it Oconto Daze? (suggested by Hayes) Hayes suggested we assign tasks to get the event moving next. Hochmuth will ask Spice if she would be our voice with the Historical Society. It was determined that Tourism and Parks will work together. Hayes also gave us some leads: Rev. Steve Daul (who had music at the Airport in 2021: contact Frank Calvert) and Roger Badora (who sets up car shows); get a sponsor. Other ideas suggested were to challenge existing businesses to tug-of-wars; and to have crafts; dunk tank; booths @ \$10. Hayes was concerned about the continuation of Waterfest: see Reed below.
- Anderson shared some Seidl ideas: old fashioned music (WOCO?); fish tank for kids; foot race; Holtwood park and pool equipment for competitions; sandcastles. She also noted Bostedt's concern for prizes for the kids.
- Hochmuth and Anderson expanded on City Park becoming its own identity as a goal.
- Reed told the Committee of past event files that exist with the Fire Dept. and with the City Administrator. He will investigate that of the first, Anderson will follow up with the latter. He will also talk with Bostedt and Wusterbarth about plans and considerations with Hayes concern about Waterfest: who will take over its leadership? (Fireworks should be ordered NOW. The Coast Guard also needs to be contacted.) Reed felt the Harbor Committee should step up and be a part of Waterfest. Anderson felt that Park and Rec. could help out Tourism here. Reed suggested documenting all.

**ii. 2022 Candlelight Walk**— Anderson addressed the needs including bags to fill and candles to add with plastic sleds; fire rings to place; 4 bundles of firewood and more lighters, Committee members help; port-a-potties; refreshment distribution, and making the area

walk-able with a snowmobile. It was understood that The Historical Society will provide the hot chocolate. (Again, this was within Bostedt's memos.)

7.) Parks Update: **These were addressed @ the 1/12/22 meeting.**

- a.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth
- b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff
- c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup
- d.) Freedom Park – All
- e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson
- f.) Sharp Park – John W. Reed
- g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff

8.) 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

9.) **Next Park and Rec. Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 6 p.m.**

Agenda Items: ID Sandblasting person, painting, etc.

Identify cost of electrical update with lockbox

10.) **Hochmuth summoned adjournment @ 7: 05 p.m. with a follow-up of Reed. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by  
Susan K. Seidl