

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

- 1.) The March meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anderson @ 6:07 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Diane Motiff, Lori Stenstrup
Excused: John W. Reed
Resigned: Tere Hochmuth
Also Present: John Bostedt, Director of Parks, Rec. and Forestry; Venna Dreshek/Elks
- 3.) **Motiff called motion for approval of Agenda; Stenstrup followed with a second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes (handed out @ the meeting) from February 23, 2022 issued from Motiff with the second of Stenstrup. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) **Public Input:** Bostedt connected by cell with Bryce Cane who is steering a pavilion project @ Bond Park to attain his Eagle Scout badge. We learned that his dad and a couple other adults will assist Boy Scout Troup 1024 on the project.

6.) **Correspondence:**

- The Committee learned that Troy Wenzel intends to leave the City Crew as he will move on to a higher wage job @ the end of March.
- Calls for reservations have been constant: 64 within the period that the H. S. girl hired has been out ill. This, with other crew work, has proven to be trying.
- Director Bostedt has been in contact with the director of the Summer Players for the summer performance date @ Copper Culture.
- We have sent out 3 more packets of brochures since the last meeting.
- We now have a DNR signed agreement for Copper Culture.
- Truck Pulls have been established for June 10th @ City Docks.
- Pat Trepanier has indicated that the Elks are interested in taking over Water Fest. 2022.

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

a.) **Parks & Recreation**

- i. **Bird City (\$500.00 annual donation)— It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Motiff that Cordula Van Den Heuvel (her husband and daughter Amber) be allotted the annual \$500 for 2022 maintenance of Bird City. (3 Ayes)**

Bird City has had 3 requests for presentations thus far 2022. Cordula is a constant-in- work Director for Oconto Bird City.

- ii. **Copper Culture State Park Museum roof—** At the end of February in discussion with the DNR, according to Bostedt, we have been informed of the end-of-summer museum roof repair: costs will be allocated from DNR funds.

- iii. **2022 Park Pavilion Rentals—** 34, park rentals of this morning—

- iv. **Equipment maintenance** (parks, campground & harbor) Four tractors and trailers remain. It was thought that the H. S. vehicle maintenance shop would show interest in their maintenance... now and in the future. It will be investigated.

- b.) **Aageson Pool** remains on the Agenda for further study of property and equipment evaluation. Chairman Anderson expressed disappointment in the demolition of the pool without

first consulting this Committee. Ideas were brewing for the buildings and property. Repurposing is still a possibility if Council is open to the opportunity.

We learned that the rest of the demolition will occur in spring. Resulting materials will be used for the Jones Ave. project. Drained water, as investigated, is DNR acceptable.

Bostedt noted that Pool Works has been alerted as to the available handicap equipment. The bubble and life jackets will move to the campground.

Anderson will connect with the pop and ice cream providers, returning coolers.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. **Seasonal sites for 2022** are at 183: 22 calls are left to return out of 63 this morning.

iii. 2022 Monthly Campsites are full for May and June: ½ rented for July. There have been 267 phone calls.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground

i. Reservations— Nine

ii. Ice fishing access— It will be temporary after Monday. March 15th marks the day for ice fishing to be off the water.

iii. **Family Fun Day Fundraiser: August 13, 2022**— Expanded discussion led to the following suggestions:

- Waiting for the grant... then the Committee will be prepping City Park. Hochmuth is committed to remain a part of this.
- P.R. must be well ahead of the event, including donations toward park improvements that we hope to make @ City Park.
- Venna Dreshek, a continual City of Oconto volunteer, stated that people will come out and enjoy what's there. The ELKS could do something for the area kids: she included competition, games, hot dogs, popcorn, a food pantry, balloon pop.... She commented that City Park looks the best in its history that she can remember.
- Anderson suggested a youth what-you-made competition. She will contact Kiwanis inquiring if they would like to create a Little Miss or Little Master contest.
- It was determined that sandblasting and painting the existing equipment would be accomplished before Fun Day. In our future, Fun Day will be meeting with interested parties already listed in our minutes and those who would like to lend a hand from Tourism et. al.

e.) **Holtwood Sporting Complex:** Field Improvements remain "as is" presently.

8.) Parks Update: Each of the areas was rated "on target".

b.) City Docks – Tere Hochmuth

c.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff

d.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup

e.) Freedom Park – All

f.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson noted that Winter Wonderland awaits thaw takedown.

g.) Sharp Park – John W. Reed Director Bostedt stated that there are 2 trees, wind torn, that will be taken care of-

h.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff

Included was the concept of having Seidl as an Alternate member, keeping the meeting night @ holding and voting status.

9.) Park Special Events: Update

Free installed smoke detectors- Oconto Fire & Rescue Department – with any questions or to set up an appointment to install call (920) 834-7775: Nineteen remain.

10.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, April 13 @ 6 p.m.**

11.) **Motiff submitted adjournment @ 7:58 p.m. with follow-up closure of Stenstrup. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by

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