

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The Park and Rec. meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Diane Motiff, Lori Stenstrup
Also Present: Mayor J. Panetti, Bob LeBreck/alderman, Director of Park and Rec. John Bostedt
- 3.) **Motiff motioned for approval of Agenda; Hearley called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from July 13th, 2022 was placed in motion by Stenstrup with Motiff issuing second. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: It was announced that we now have a donated Park and Rec. bounce house for kids. Discussion centered on how many kids can be admitted @ a time.
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) **Parks & Recreation**
 - i. *Bird City* – **Approval of World Migratory Bird Day Resolution to accept Sept. 10, 2022 as a Bluebird event in Oconto was signed by the Mayor and called into motion by Anderson with a follow-up second of Motiff. (M/C)**
The event will take place @ City Park. P.R. already exists.
 - ii. *Copper Culture State Park Museum roof* replacement remains in search of a contractor. The DNR will keep Bostedt posted. Meantime the City may have to provide a port-a-potty for the workers and find a temporary fix. Mayor Panetti suggested a coating job with Silver Dollar (aluminum asphalt); Hearley also had a contractor recommendation (from Cecil). Director Bostedt will follow-up.
 - iii. *2022 Park Pavilion Rentals*— Since May to the present we have booked 85 rentals to the end of the season.
 - iv. *2022 Park job openings* remain with a continued full time open position: Bostedt will advertize again.
 - v. *Splash Pad/pool fundraising Committee* (forming of) remains a desire however after contacting a list of mothers/adults, once again, only Megan Stellmacher responded to the call. A pool could be the end result but with no community effort it will have to wait for the interest, as Hearley suggested.
 - vi. *2022 Movies in the Park* are progressing and being sponsored. Bostedt will help PR the movies giving community awareness to the sponsors. It was suggested to have a flyer in the Campground office as well as @ the Harbor and Copper Culture: a repetition of the past.
 - vii. *Seymour Splash Pad Tour Group* (planning/forming of): See a.) v.
 - b.) **Ageson Pool (in the future known as Ageson Pool Property)** will keep its sponsor plaque: if ever we do get a water entertainment area it may be awarded the same name. The building presently is being used as winter storage but could be used as a summer Pavilion rental in the future, suggested Hearley.
 - c.) **Holtwood Campground**
 - i. *Seasonal Sites for 2022*— August has 2; September 1; 1 rented until the 30th of September. We still have 3 weeks of summer.
 - ii. *2022 Camping Reservations* Four sites that been designated monthly: 3 until the end of August and 1 until after Labor Day. All could be rented but for the water logging prevention.
 - ii. *2022 Monthly Campsites*— See above.
 - iv. *Campground main sanitary pit* remains in wait on a part however, our temporary fix is holding.

v. *Manager's monthly report* dated 8/10/22 which was handed out @ the meeting evoked discussion about more use of equipment available: people are coming with their own equipment more and more. All of our purchases have been paid off but 1 peddle boat. It was suggested, once again, that we P.R. *Oconto citizens* as to the availability *for their use*.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground

i. *Reservations*— Two are left on the books, out of 22 reservations that had called to reserve.

ii. *Family Funday Fundraiser*— The Elks Club donated hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, and buns. At this point all soda/water, condiments, and prizes are gathered. Organizers remained after the meeting to firm up the day.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex

i. *Field Improvements* include the covering over of the cement completion: 10 holes will be drilled by donation.

ii. *Field usage*— A few teams are practicing yet. No fall schedule has been issued.

iii. *Disc Golf Course*— Park and Rec. replaced all the decaying benches, needed signs, and garbage cans. We are grass cutting when the area is not drenched. Again, drain tiles were anticipated: an estimate will be sought by Hearley. The Mayor asked if the culvert should yet be lowered but was informed that would be a Wusterbarth and DNR issue. Perhaps we can avoid that.

iv. *Adult Volleyball League* Three weeks of playoffs remain.

8.) Parks Update:

a.) City Docks – Todd Hearley A new pole and light will be placed by the racetrack.

b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff It continues to be clean and updated throughout the summer due to a committed crew.

c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup + The book holds 737 visits: opportunities remain open throughout August 10 when one guide leaves. Sept. will be weekends only.

d.) Freedom Park – All + A homeless man (resolved) was discussed.

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson +

f.) Sharp Park – Bob LeBreck Discussion continued of over the select cut and danger to causing more Buckthorn. A new contact was suggested via Hearley.

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff + Very used-

Bostedt reported that City Hall outdoor property has been refreshed with repurposed rock.

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) Oconto Girls Softball Tournament July 16th Girls Softball is hoping to build in an eventual 3-day tournament.

c) Oconto River Rebel Softball Tournament August 5th – 7th

Area parking is a bottleneck during these otherwise most successful events. One side of the street parking only was suggested. Previously, the Mayor suggested another option (parking on the Bier Garden's grounds) which has been turned down to this point.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, September 14 @ 6 p.m.

11.) Hearley submitted the call for adjournment @ 7:28 p.m. Stenstrup witnessed approval (M/C)

Minutes submitted by
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