

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) This second monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley (+5:40), Bob LeBreck, Diane Motiff, Lori Stenstrup
Also Present: Mayor John Panetti, Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, 31 individuals representing citizens of the City and Holtwood Park
- 3.) **Stenstrup called approval of Agenda; Motiff followed with a second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Public Input:**
 - Eight in the Chambers spoke on raising prices for the 2023 Campground. Issues covered included compliments about the facilities and services of Director Bostedt; up to 2012 the City-owned Campground had been running in the red: not today; a desire that when we raise prices do so across the board; worry about doubling seasonal rates, especially for seniors with fixed incomes; recognition of the campers for their work to get the pavilion raised; for some campers coming to our campground it has become a family experience; are there new assets can Oconto offer; there is no WI-FI or cable; recently there have been undesirables using the facilities on campground property; the property does not have a lot of security.
 - Chairman Anderson expressed that the Campground is still a business, and unusually, one that belongs to the City. Utilities, and keeping up with raising prices are our chief concern. She expressed appreciation for those present and their expressions of concern. Each issue was discussed @ some point of the discussion. Chairman Anderson also noted that we have camping sites @ City Park. Our profits go back into campground improvements. LeBreck expressed the number crunch while Stenstrup, doing campground research, was conservative about how much prices should raise.
 - At a high, the Board was aimed @ an 8–10% raise in Campground Prices.
- 5.) Correspondence: Bostedt stated that the Oconto Airport 2022 Fly In occurred this past weekend and thanked those who participated and helped.
- 6.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) **Parks & Recreation: Full-time Employee Position** Director Bostedt stated that he received 4 applications: 1 eliminated with the background check and 1 eliminated due to the diminished salary. Gavin Stenstrup who worked the City Crew previously had resigned due to medical issues. Director Bostedt asserted that Gavin Stenstrup can work independently and can represent the City well. He now has reapplied bringing with him the experience of the job, saving time and money. After abbreviated discussion, **Motiff called a motion to hire Gavin Stenstrup as a Park and Recreation employee. Hearley issued second with the motion to be moved to Council. (3 Ayes; Stenstrup Abstain)**
 - b.) **Holtwood Campground**
 - 2023 Holtwood Campground prices began with the Budget Comparison Detail handout of Director Bostedt. He also noted that our “toys” @ the Campground are almost all paid in full. Price negotiating was hard-won until **LeBreck called motion to raise seasonal rates 10%; followed by a second of Hearley. These will be reviewed yearly with the possibility of raising them. (5 Ayes)**

The following are the Campground Rates as determined by the Park and Rec. Committee 9/22/22:

- **DAILY RATES:** River Grass site (40.00); Gravel Pad Site w/grass (40.00); Interior Grass Site (38.00); Improved Tent Site (27.00); Primitive Tent Site (24.00); Group Tent Site (17.00) up to 5 tents & 2 parking spots; *Site prices are for 2 Adults; *Adults—per night (7.00)

- **WEEKLY RATES:** River Grass site (231.00); Gravel Pad Site w/grass (231.00); Interior grass Site (217.00); Improved Tent (165.00); Primitive Tent Site (145.00)
- **MONTHLY RATES:** River Grass Site (632.00); Gravel Pad Site w/grass (632.00); Interior Grass Site (605.00); Improved Tent Site (495.00); Primitive Tent Site (467.00)
- **SEASONAL RATES: (May 1st – Oct. 31st –can vary):**
River Site (1,870.00); Interior & Gravel Pad Site (1,815.00)
- **The Dump Station:** Price has been raised to \$5.00 per dump. Non-sanitary sites are covered in the regular fee.

7.) 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) Harvest Fest 9/24/2022 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- c) OHS/OMS cross country meet @ Holtwood Sporting Complex 9/27/2022 teams arrive 2:30 p.m. race starts @ 4 p.m.
- d) MWC World Championship Walleye Tournament 9/29/2022, 9/30/2022 & 10/1/2022 @ Breakwater Park & Harbor

8.) **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, October 12 @ 6 p.m.**

9.) **Motiff summoned adjournment @ 6:35 p.m. Hearley finished with a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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