

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, January 11th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The 1st Park and Rec. Committee meeting of 2023 was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson @ 6:05 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Todd Hearley, Bob LeBreck, Diane Motiff, Lori Stenstrup
Also Present: Mayor J. Panetti, and 2 local observers
- 3.) **LeBreck motioned approval of Agenda; Stenstrup issued second. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from December 7th, 2022, with the correction of a typographical error on pg. 1 noted by Motiff was placed in motion by LeBreck with a Hearley follow-up second. (5 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) **Correspondence:** Director Bostedt left notes to update the Committee.

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

a.) *Parks & Recreation*

- i. Bird City– Note that Cordula Vanden Heuvel has given resignation as Bird City Coordinator with materials in Director Bostedt's hands; Victoria Bostedt would be a good suggestion to the position.
- ii. Tree City Recertification– The check will be cut and processing by State will lead to the 23rd year of certification.
- iii. 2023 Candlelight Walk– The event needs volunteers: dated Feb. 11.
- iv. 2023 WGAS Ice Fishing Tournament– The event will occur @ the Breakwater on Feb. 4, 2023. There will be a giant tent: an arrangement for food is being made with Raul.
- v. Equipment Maintenance for parks, campground & harbor, picnic table repairs, etc. is in process by the department team.
- vi. Copper Culture Museum roof project/set up annual meeting with DNR– The roof has been successfully completed. Director Bostedt will have the annual meeting soon, since we now have a renewed contract and contact again. Hats off to Rod Barta for connections.
- vii. 2023 Pavilion Rentals– 19 have been established since January 3rd.
- viii. 2023 Parks Employees– Director Bostedt made contact with former employees: only 1 is a callback who will not return, so Parks is looking for applications.

b.) *Aageson Pool* property remains on the Agenda with future potential. Chairman Anderson has attempted to establish a splash pad on several occasions, in the area, finding little interest by those who want a pool: which is impossible budget-wise, presently. Interest in local citizens has been reestablished: perhaps 10 individuals could form a team... as long as, they feel, a pool remains an end-goal.

c.) *Holtwood Campground*

- i. Seasonal Sites for 2023 are booked.
- ii. 2023 Monthly Campsites- only 3 to date.

iii. Manager's monthly report, typically handed out @ the meeting, has seasonally nothing to report.

iv. 2023 Campground Reservations have 51 reserved: 63 phone calls have been made by Parks.

v. **Guidelines for Winter Wonderland** are to be addressed: although we have no one to helm the activity. Guidelines will be hard copied for future interest. **Hearley tabled the issue with a Stenstrup second. (M/C)**

vi. Campground Employees 2023– Waiting.

d.) *City Park/City Park Campground*

i. 2023 Reservations: 2

ii. Ice Fishing Access has been readied. A port-a-potty has been placed @ City Park. The mayor shared some pictures of the beach and discussion ensued as to cleanup potential.

e.) *Holtwood Sporting Complex*: dates to be set; batting cage to be finished.

8.) **Parks Update:**

a.) City Docks – Todd Hearley

b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff

c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup

d.) Freedom Park – All approved of holiday decor. The fountain was discussed.

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Director Bostedt is working with the DNR.

f.) Sharp Park – Bob LeBreck Buckthorn continues to be an issue the City must address. P. R. was a great idea for watching our goats devour Buckthorn....

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff

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

10.) **Next Meeting Date/Time:** Just before the Candlelight walk- Wednesday, **February 8 @ 6 p.m.**

Agenda Items: **Guidelines for Winter Wonderland**

Splash Pad update

11.) **Hearley summoned adjournment @ 7:55 p.m. Stenstrup motioned second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by

Susan K. Seidl

Updated and Approved 02/08/2023.