

PARK AND REC. COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, June 14th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The June meeting of Park and Rec. was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson @ 6:02 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Bob LeBreck (Ex. +6:55), Theresa LeMay, Diane Motiff, and Lori Stenstrup ALSO Present: Director Bostedt of Park, Rec. and Forestry
- 3.) **Stenstrup issued approval of Agenda; Motiff followed with a second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from May 17th, 2023 were placed in motion by Stenstrup with a final call of LeMay. (4 Ayes)**

5.) Public Input: LeMay called attention to a donated Beach Library of children's toys @ City Park: the Committee and Director Bostedt were supportive. Anderson gave other suggestions for the park: adopt a beach (families ?) or area of the beach posting volunteers who maintain it; a clean-it-up day P.R.-ed. Another bench or 2 donated with signage by area businesses would be a needed addition. Stenstrup suggested a priority list for the Committee who is overwhelmed with ideas and no monetary or voluntary support. Perhaps City Park rock removal could be 1st. She also informed that the COW has recently limited time on meeting issues which this Committee intends as well. Seidl offered a grant list of ideas categorized by Habitat; Needs; and Projects of Park and Rec. which was distributed by Director Bostedt. Motiff emphasized that we NEED City Grant writers: Anderson will put a spotlight on it.

6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views are at 8,899 (May15 - June 13).

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

- a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. *Bird City*– This remains Director-less. Nevertheless, the monitors are faithful.
 - ii. *The Grant Presentation From 5/17/2023 Meeting* was seen as significant BUT we need City Grant writers in order to move ahead on the Committee's ability to carry out their needs and allow creative plans.
 - iii. *Copper Culture Museum* set up of an annual meeting with DNR/property fencing/museum opening/tour guides– Although the park tour guides are up and going, the *DNR has not met with leadership* here, as promised. A group of 50 school children utilized the park and museum recently.
 - iv. *2023 Pavilion Rentals*– 71 total for the year.
 - v. *2023 Parks Employees*– Youth started Monday: 4 of 5 slots have been filled with the excess manpower for overtime.

vi. *2023 Movies in the Park*– Anderson stated that ALL movies are *scheduled and made public* (Bay Impressions support). It has been placed on the website. Posters are out. The 1st of June will be a birthday party with 20 boys including a personal movie showing and open concession. Anderson has bought a sign for the posting (Happy Birthday) and is looking for a Main St. standing one announcing “Movie Tonight!” Others have volunteered to help with the movie evenings.

vii. *Volleyball League* has started. They use the courts @ City Park and Holtwood.

viii. *Pickleball Tournament @ Sharp Park 6/12/2023* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This was a morning/afternoon event which can be termed successful with 32 players in 3 divisions.

b.) Ageson Pool property Remains on the agenda for future additions. Anderson purchased a storage bin. The bouncy house could be rented out but whoever is responsible for it must have insurance.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. *Seasonal Sites for 2023*– Full: 2 are used as monthly rentals.

ii. *2023 Monthly Campsites*– 24 sites have been rented out for 1 month or longer.

iii. *Manager’s Monthly Report*, handed out @ the meeting compared budget, 2022, and 2023. Two areas were noted: +firewood and -canoe rentals. Other items have been affected weather-wise. Electrical has been necessarily updated via Bostedt and Donny.

iv. *2023 Campground Reservations*– 2 weekends sold out: Memorial day (-2); this weekend was sold out; Copperfest (-3): these #s do not include tent sites. Reservations for 2024 are already in process.

v. *Guidelines for Winter Wonderland*– Temporarily removed from agenda–

vi. *Campground Employees 2023*– The new Campground manager and her husband are working out though must be patient with needs due to a stretched staff and pecking order. Our summer student worker started positively yesterday.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground

i. *2023 Reservations*– 7: total 14 have stayed already

ii. *Park Improvements*– The cannon was in the Copperfest parade (no notice to Park and Rec.) with Veterans memorial intent. We should have something else put @ City Park.... Suggested were an old commercial fishing boat...something with logging... historic fathers display....

iii. *City Park Beach Packet*– This is a prepared goal which is waiting for monetary support. Remove from agenda.

iv. *City Park Beach*– Presently staff is removing weeds. A box with children's beach toys will be placed.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex

- i. *Field Improvements*– Two sprinkler heads have been repaired. The batting cage is complete... and used.
- ii. *Game Schedules* for the 2023 Summer Seasons are ready and going.
- iii. *Games Started & Going On*–

8.) Parks Update: Director Bostedt reports that the dock @ City Dock should be placed soon. Lori Stenstrup was concerned about John's need for staffing Waterfest where there are about 2,000 people and massive garbage to be emptied: he stated that there needs to be someone there daily. He reported that the Elks are supportive on the grounds.

- a.) City Docks – Theresa LeMay
- b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff
- c.) Copper Culture –
- d.) Freedom Park – All
- e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson
- f.) Sharp Park – Bob LeBreck
- g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff

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 REMOVE this item.
 - b) Memorial Day parade Monday, May 29th 10:00 a.m. from City Hall to Evergreen Cemetery. Ceremony to follow @ Evergreen Cemetery.
 - c) 2023 Bicycle Poker Run Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Starts & ends at The Garage. Went well.
 - d) Copperfest 2023 June 8th-11th It was noted that this was a Parade improvement from 2022.
 - e) WUMPA Truck Pulls @ City Park 6/9/2023 7:00 p.m. SUCCESSFUL. The Boy Scouts worked food.
 - f) Oconto Little League 2023 tournament June 16th-18th @ Holtwood Sporting Complex
 - g) Waterfest 2023 July 3rd @ Breakwater Park 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - h) Girls Softball Tournament July 7th, 8th, & 9th
- 10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, July 12 @ 6 p.m.
- 11.) **LeBreck summoned adjournment @ 7:07 p.m. Motiff closed with a second. (4 Ayes)**

Minutes submitted by
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