

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, December 20th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1.) The final meeting of 2023 was called to order by Vice-Chairman Diane Motiff @ the request of Chairman Sue Anderson.
- 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Bob LeBreck, Theresa LeMay, Diane Motiff, and Lori Stenstrup **ALSO** Present: Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Stenstrup called motion for approval of Agenda; LeMay witnessed second. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from November 30th, 2023 were issued approval by LeBreck with a Motiff second. (5 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views from Nov. 20 to Dec. 19 # 4,231.
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) Parks & Recreation
 - i. *Bird City* – (Still needs a director; Director Bostedt found some interest, possibly as a monitor, the latest Harbor Master.) (Motus Wildlife Tracking System / motus.org) (Bird City 2023 recognition letter) These issues were covered @ the Nov. meeting but should be kept @ attention.
 - ii. *Copper Culture Museum*- Our City crew fixed the fence: the rest of that fence is yet in need. The DNR has not set up a meeting as of this year, although Director Bostedt has kept contact.
 - iii. *Prioritizing park projects* from our list on handout remain on City Park.
 - iv. *2024 Parks Employees*- Bostedt reports that 1 student is definitely not returning, of 4 students.
 - v. *Maintenance on properties & equipment* is in process: picnic tables, any signage, fencing, and machinery...
 - vi. *Parks fundraising*- Several ideas were suggested @ the Nov. meeting which were repeated herein: pedal bike racing, mini-prom, raffles through another non-profit, Lions/Elks club partnership, beer with bartender LeMay, Jeff Larmay music, fishing tournament, silent auction, prom bowling, youth karaoke, kayak races.... The playground equipment will be issued in a 2 year phase, once the area is inspected and plan is established. We need to reserve the park for the above activities.
 - vii. *2024 Candlelight Walk will be Saturday, Feb. 3.* Bostedt will contact the Historical Society for their participation with cookies, coffee, and cocoa. The City hopes to add water to the list. Also he will contact the Fire Dept. and City Hall for their volunteers. This year we also will include bartender LeMay with a temporary liquor license per Council approval. Perhaps a vehicle would take the elderly through– this was also suggested for Winter Wonderland in the past.

b.) Aageson Pool property remains on the agenda as it holds stored property and may be directed in another activity in the future.

c.) Holtwood Campground

i. *Seasonal Sites 2024*- Fifty out of fifty-one sites are listed: the smallest site remains open.

ii. *2024 Monthly Campsites* – (7)(3 of the 7 are 1 month or longer)

iii. **Manager's Monthly Report, handed out @ meeting, demonstrated Committee approval with a motion to accept by Anderson and second of LeBreck. (M/C)**

iv. *2024 Campground Reservations*- We have a list of reservations as of Nov. 3. Jan. 8, 2024 we will begin a list of new campers.

v. *Guidelines for Winter Wonderland*- Good news: since our yearly record of golf cart incidents has been nil, Park and Rec. was forgiven by the owner for the incident we encountered. Note that we had 2 incidents of stolen displays, reported, and returned.

vi. *2024 Campground Employees*- Barb (as long as she remains healthy), Paula, and Brook will be back. Donny agreed to 1 more summer. We are awaiting a response from our last year manager.

d.) City Park/City Park Campground

i. *2024 Reservations*- 5

ii. *Playground equipment*- See a.) vi.

e.) Holtwood Sporting Complex: Holtwood Fields Project has no word as of yet.

8.) Parks Update: **All are seen as +, some with additional notation.**

a.) City Docks – Theresa LeMay

b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff -readied for ice fishermen

c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup -anticipating the Candlelight Walk

d.) Freedom Park – All

e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson - beautifully outdoor dressed Again there was a suggestion of a non-resident cost sticker for **Winter Wonderland**. Oconto residents get a free sticker @ City Hall. This year's display credit goes to **Megan Holz**.

f.) Sharp Park – Bob LeBreck - expressed the wooded area needs a start over: plow it under and replant thereby eliminating the Buckthorn as well.

g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff - no pavilion will be built as the scout did not continue his Eagle level by date.

9.) Park Special Events: Update - Feb. 10 WEGAF

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 @ 6 p.m.**

11.) **LeBreck summoned adjournment @ 7:30 p.m. Anderson motioned second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl