

**THE PARK & REC. COMMITTEE    WEDNESDAY, January 24th, 2024 @  
6:00 P.M.  
OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1.) The first meeting of 2024 was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson.
1. 2.) Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Bob LeBreck, Theresa LeMay, Diane Motiff, and Lori Stenstrup    ALSO Present: Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt; Observer Casey Sowle
- 2.) **Motiff called motion for approval of Agenda; LeMay witnessed the second. (5 Ayes)**
- 3.) **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from December 20th, 2023 was placed in motion with the correction of # 9. Announcing the Feb. 10th event called WGA\$ by Motiff with a Stenstrup second approval. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) Public Input: Our last ice rink (@ Sharp Park) was in 2018: it was vandalized. Much discussion included City maintenance of the property which is left to cure. (Alternatives were discussed.) Such an area needs a steady stream of cold weather with no vandalism as the latter dissolves all efforts, time, and cost. Note: Lena has rink skating.
- 5.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views: Dec. 20th – Jan. 18th – 4,267 Views
- 6.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
  - a.) **Parks & Recreation**
    - i. *Bird City* – (Motus Wildlife Tracking System / motus.org) (Possible (2) monitors or director) Next week Director Bosstedt will meet with a possible director; the other interest may lead to a needed monitor.
    - ii. *Copper Culture Museum*– None.
    - iii. *Prioritizing park projects* – From our list on a handout our concentration remains on City Park with fundraising events in the forefront.
    - iv. *2024 Parks Employees*– None: Jan 31st verification.
    - v. *Maintenance on properties & equipment* for parks, campground & harbor/(snow plowing/salting as needed)-- Park, campground, and harbor have continued maintenance of picnic tables. Machine maintenance is in process. We have not placed anything on the books.
    - vi. *Parks fundraising*– Intentions and needs are here and have been discussed with a potential list made. Motiff mentioned that Marinette has had a winter fishing tournament, perhaps they would offer to give some suggestions for other winter activities.
    - vii. *2024 Candlelight Walk*– The date has been changed from the 3rd to the 10th. Stenstrup will donate the fundraising alcohol and bottled water. A liquor license has been purchased. The Historical Society has historic involvement in manning cookies, and beverages. (Volunteers and the recreation fund also add to the cookies) All else remains as usual with

volunteers. Setup and takedown will occur between 3 and (5:30-8 p.m. the walk) 8:30 p.m. Anderson asked about elderly involvement as we have made suggestions, however all depends on the weather and care. She also will look into light up bracelets/necklaces for the children who attend.

- viii. *2024 Pavilion Rentals*– As of January 2, 40 have reserved.
- ix. *Tree City Recertification*– The accumulated paperwork has been completed and approved. Arbor Day Foundation will next place its stamp.

b.) **Aageson Pool property** remains on the agenda with anticipation of future plans.

c.) **Holtwood Campground**

- i. *Seasonal Sites 2024*– Remain booked with one smaller site available for rental throughout the season.
- ii. *2024 Monthly Campsites* – (9)(1 month or longer)
- iii. *Manager's Monthly Report* will continue when the Campground season opens.
- iv. *2024 Campground Reservations*– As of January 8, we have 4 on the books.
- v. *Guidelines for Winter Wonderland*– Some displays have been removed but the majority remain. We encourage remaining decor to be removed by late February... at the least, early March. Stenstrup suggests we re-evaluate the event as the season closes.
- vi. *2024 Campground Employees*– Remains the same: Jan. 31st is the deadline.
- vii. *Updating brochures & paperwork for the campground* is necessary once again. Bostedt is seeing that it is updated; intends to order 100 Harbor and 100 Campground; payment has risen a bit.

d.) **City Park/City Park Campground**

- i. *2024 Reservations*– We have 7 on the books.
- ii. *Playground equipment*– We anticipate a quote soon. Anderson suggested we add a little play teepee which would fit in.
- iii. *Ice Fishing Access* has been established and is being used with port-a-potty present. A few residents have wanted ice drifts removed, however all agreed that this is creation and melt-down of Mother Nature.

e.) **Holtwood Sporting Complex**

- i. *Holtwood Fields Project*– It is expected that March will bring a potential work field plan/schedule. LeBreck, with continued winter fundraising events, suggested we look into winter softball. Anderson added bowling on Main St. At some point soup, for fundraising, at an event was raised.

- ii. *Potential New Dock for Launch Area*– Holtwood remains an available location for a dock/kayak launch area. We are anticipating a grant result but if it fails, there is a resident’s potential wooden dock that could be placed.
- 7.) **Parks Update:** *Winter remains positive in these areas. Note activities yet ahead.*
  - a.) City Docks – Theresa LeMay
  - b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff
  - c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup
- 2. d.) Freedom Park – All Decor will soon be removed.
- 3. e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Bostedt has requests from campers for a 2024 calendar of Movies in the Park: Anderson will work to have one. She also suggested a kid-pool-party movie, and informed the Committee that Adam Filz intends to donate the proceeds of the Feb. 17 Luke Ellman memorial ride to Movies in the Park.
- 4. f.) Sharp Park – Bob LeBreck There is wood cutting interest. The Park has no update on a Buckthorn grant or action. Grant writers again were in hopeful discussion.
- 5. g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff
- 8.) **Park Special Events: Update**
- 6. NOTE: **The Candlelight Walk @ Copper Culture will be held Feb. 10.**
  - a. This is the same day as **an ice fishing tournament @ the Breakwater.**
  - b. Parks is also working on the **fishing tournament schedule.**
- 9.) **Next Meeting Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 21 @ 6 p.m.
- 10.) **Stenstrup summoned adjournment @ 7:08 p.m. Motiff witnessed the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl