

PARK & REC. COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, June 19th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

OCONTO CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. The June Park and Rec. meeting was called to order by Chairman Sue Anderson @ 6:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Sue Anderson, Theresa LeMay, Diane Motiff EXCUSED Lori Stenstrup and Mayor Cliff Martin
ALSO Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
3. **Motiff called motion to approve Agenda; LeMay issued second. (3 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from May 15th, 2024 was called into motion by LeMay with a Motiff second. (3 Ayes)**
5. **Public Input:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** Live Harbor Cam Views: May 11th to June 9th – 6,790 views
7. **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a. **Parks & Recreation**
 - i. Co-ed softball adult league (Amanda) reported: that there will be 8 teams; it will cost \$75 per night to prep the field; it will occur in July and August; the schedule will be established soon.
 - ii. Bird City – Randy is in new coordinator training and working around his schedule.
 - iii. Copper Culture Museum – (2024 or 2025 project) There have been no updates from the State. From May 24 - June 15 we have had 285 visitors. Our Guides continue getting positive results. VandenHeuvel updated the City informational stands.
 - iv. Prioritizing park projects – (From list on handout) City Park is caught up BUT the following are in the works: children’s refurbished playground equipment; addition of equipment; camping improvements.
 - v. 2024 Parks Employees (5) We still need a Working Foreman.
 - vi. 2024 Adult volleyball league- All is as expected.
 - vii. 2024 Pavilion Rentals - 75
 - viii. 2024 Movies in the Park- Anderson reports that posters have been printed and will now be in distribution. Movies start July 13 with 7 planned in all. The movie flag will be out @ City Hall the day each event occurs.
 - ix. Opening of parks for 2024- Winter damage has been repaired: all is functioning.
 - x. Put together a packet, & distributed to local businesses... sign advertising @ Holtwood Campground & Holtwood Sporting Complex. (4 new @ campground – sporting complex 5 new)
 - b. **Aageson Pool property** remains as a storage area seasonally. It will be reimagined in the future. Anderson addressed our bouncy house which will be for City event use. There needs to be awareness as to how to access, care for, and return it. Director Bostedt will make the Department Chairs aware. Anderson would also like to see use of the shower curtains bought for the pool showers.
 - c. **Holtwood Campground**
 - i. Seasonal Sites 2024 (47)(4 – will be used as monthly, weekly, daily & back-up)
 - ii. 2024 Monthly Campsites – (14)(1 month or longer)
 - iii. Monthly Report, handed out @ meeting, and viewed by the Committee.
 - iv. 2024 Campground Reservations – (363 made since January 8th)
 - v. Guidelines for Winter Wonderland- Stenstrup has created a list and will distribute it to the Committee via e-mail. We will make suggestions.

- vi. 2024 Campground Employees- We still lack a Manager. There have been multiple compliments on the facilities and upkeep.

d. City Park/City Park Campground

- i. 2024 Reservations – (14)(Have had 6 early season campers)
- ii. Playground equipment - The following are in the works: children’s refurbished playground equipment (SAND BLAST AND COAT) and additional equipment, including that for the handicapped. A former merry-go-round would be a nice addition again: Director Bostedt will approach the matter with Matt Karban.
- iii. Rock pick-up & equipment clean-up (6/1/24)
- iv. Pallet cabin- We need ideas for fundraising.

e. Holtwood Sporting Complex

- i. Holtwood Fields Project- No new news.
- ii. Potential New Dock for Launch Area had an updated drawing and another option. Shawn Porath, O.H.S. Tech Ed teacher, and his metals classes may come to our rescue.
- iii. Baseball/softball game schedules –Started May 20th and may go to the end of July.

f. Parks Update: ALL are + unless otherwise noted below.

- i. City Docks – Theresa LeMay – (Spies Road project) Director Bostedt reported that Superintendent Wusterbarth is checking with the DNR concerning blacktop for a handicapped access. If so, it will be an independent project with the County.
- ii. City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff
- iii. Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup
- iv. Freedom Park – All
- v. Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson
- vi. Sharp Park- The Wiffleball/Pickleball tournament was a success: Veterans had raffle baskets and food available as a fundraiser.
- vii. Bond Park – Diane Motiff

8. Park Special Events: Update

- a. Little Tourney June 14, 15, 16.
- b. Oconto Girls Softball Tourney June 21, 22, 23.
- c. River Rebel Tourney June 28, 29, 30.
- d. Waterfest July 3rd 4-10 p.m.

9. Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, July 17 @ 6 p.m.

10. Motiff witnessed adjournment @ 7:36 p.m. Anderson summoned the second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl