

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE on WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

In the City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order @ 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Sue Anderson.

2. Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Theresa LeMay, Diane Motiff, Lori Stenstrup; ABSENT: Kim Reifsteck ALSO PRESENT: Councilman Dan Zoeller, Cordula VandenHeuvel/Bird City, and Sammy Routheu/Grants

3. **Motiff called approval of Agenda; Stenstrup motioned second. (4 Ayes)**

4. **Approval of Park & Rec. Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2024 was issued by Motiff with a Stenstrup second. (4 Ayes)**

5. **Public Input:**

- Chairman Anderson, as requested before, would like to insert a FOLLOW UP list @ the end of each AGENDA.
- Anderson, again, stated that we are not receiving an expense report. Stenstrup stated, being on the Finance Committee, that she or Zoeller could email any info wanted.
- Anderson finally wanted clarification of the \$10,000 removed from the Holtwood account: Stenstrup and Zoeller gave the information.
- Motiff indicated that we need an Expense report as well.
- Seidl stated that she will not be taking minutes in FEB.
- VandenHeuvel stated that the Martin houses have been seasonally completed and that we owe a “thank you” to Wusterbarth for moving the Martin house on the newly graded and paved road from the Harbor.
- Zoeller, finally, commented that the public liked the new **Winter Wonderland** route. **ISSUES: we need more electrical outlets AND that extension cords were continuously stolen: WHAT TO DO? Cameras?**

***MARCH 15th IS THE BIRD CITY APPLICATION RENEWAL: if we miss that date we start from square**

1. There is NO EXTENSION DATE. Stenstrup will follow up.

*** Purple Martin Fest Saturday, June 28th @ City Park** has been planned with loose ends. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT with perhaps 250 people. Will the new Coordinator be active? Parks and Recreation must decide what and how they will serve food. Tourism is aware of the event. VandenHeuvel is finalizing P.R. with the State Coordinator, Vital Signs, and other P.R., bleachers and tables, and **the Fire Dept and Superintendent Wusterbarth must figure out how to deal with the LIMITED PARKING. Volunteers are NEEDED.** We will be receiving a gourd rack for the Harbor: a donation of \$800 - \$1,000. The Storybook walk will be @ the Fest. There will also be a Treasure Hunt in the sand for children.

6. Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views: December 9, 2024 – January 7, 2025: 3,637 Views

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

a.) Parks & Recreation

- i. Update on Potential Informational Kiosk @ Bond Park (item request from Tourism Committee) Issues remaining by the Committee include who will be maintaining it AND how will vandalism be prevented. Sam thought it was a City/Chamber collaboration.
- ii. The 2025 Candlelight Walk at Copper Culture State Park seems to be arranged through Brittney, and the Historical Society: we do not know who is helming. The handout was viewed, so we know it

is Saturday, February 8th. We know it appears to be happening and volunteers are NEEDED: hopefully there are enough of them to get it all accomplished. Stenstrup will seek a follow-up.

b.) Holtwood Campground

- i. 2024 Winter Wonderland Route– SEE Public Input.
- ii. Update on tree trimming & removal– Wusterbarth left a handout covering what is being accomplished at EACH of the parks. It is included here.

c.) Holtwood Sporting Complex: Holtwood Fields Project– See Wusterbarth’s update.

8. Parks Update: ALL SEEN AS POSITIVE.

- a.) City Docks – Theresa LeMay – (Spies Road Project)
- b.) City Park & Campground – Diane Motiff
- c.) Copper Culture – Lori Stenstrup
- d.) Freedom Park – All decor is down.
- e.) Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson
- f.) Sharp Park – See the Wusterbarth handout.
- g.) Bond Park – Diane Motiff

9. **Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, February 12 @ 6 p.m.**

Agenda Items: Bird City/Purple Martin Fest food

2025 Draft

Holtwood END of Year Manager’s Report

2025 Budget

10. Motiff summoned adjournment @ 7:12 p.m. LeMay witnessed the second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl