

MINUTES

PARKS COMMITTEE



Thursday, December 10, 2009
11:00 a.m.
Marinette County Courthouse
1926 Hall Ave., Third Floor, Room C314
Marinette, WI 54143

Members Present: Chairperson William Walker, Supervisor Russ Bousley, Supervisor Laurence Nichols, Supervisor Allen Mans, Supervisor Ken Mattison

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Others Present: Assistant Parks Administrator Erik Aleson, Forestry and Parks Administrator John Scott, Mark A. Desotell, P.E. Director of Public Works – Highway Commissioner, Jeanne Harper, Clerk/Typist Kathy Coleman, Peshtigo Times

1. Call to order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Approve/Amend agenda items

MOTION (Mattison/Mans) Agenda approved. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Approve/Amend minutes of November 13th, 2009

MOTION (Mans/Mattison) Minutes approved. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Discuss/Consider Lutheran Youth Encampment scheduling at Camp Bird for July, 2010, Action, If Any

The schedule (copy attached) has been adjusted and set for the July, 2010 calendar accommodating Lutheran Youth Encampment.

5. Public Comment – Limited to five minutes per person

Jeanne Harper said that this year's Vet's Journey Home Retreat at Camp Bird was enjoyed very much. It was very healing for the vets to be in a nature setting while addressing emotional issues.

6. Jeanne Harper will be present. Discuss/consider fees for the Vet's Journey Home Retreat at Camp Bird in 2010, Action, If Any

Jeanne Harper stated that this year the cost of the Vet's Journey Home Retreat went over budget mainly because of the cost for the \$1,000,000.00 insurance liability certificate that was required to stay at Camp Bird. She wondered if it was possible to get a rider on the County's insurance certificate. Larry Nichols wondered if there would be some way to get a blanket policy for Camp Bird for the summer covering all the groups and splitting the cost.

Discussion was held as to which groups need the insurance liability certificate and which groups do not need it.

Clarification will be obtained from Corporation Counsel and Erik will get back to Jeanne Harper.

7. Informational: Camp Bird attendance chart

An attendance chart for the last ten years at Camp Bird was presented (copy attached). Attendance dropped markedly from 2003 to 2004 and attendance has been slowly going down over the years. The groups attending camp are getting smaller.

8. Discuss/Consider development of memorial bench policy, Action, If Any

Erik Aleson passed out a Memorial Bench Policy which will be reviewed and will be discussed at January's committee meeting.

9. Discuss/Consider requests for park bench memorials at Dave's Falls and Menominee River Park, Action, If Any

Tabled until the January committee meeting.

10. Closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e)*, Discuss land purchase

MOTION (Nichols/Bousley) to enter into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) at 12:07 p.m. Roll Call Vote – Supervisor Walker, Bousley, Mattison, Nichols and Mans all voting aye. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Members Present in Closed Session: Supervisors Walker, Bousley, Mattison, Nichols, Mans

Others Present in Closed Session: Forestry and Parks Administrator John Scott,
Assistant Parks Administrator Erik Aleson, Clerk/Typist Kathy Coleman

Supervisor Walker excused at 12:10 p.m.

11. Return to open session, Action, If Any

MOTION (Bousley/Mans) to return to open session at 12:20 p.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

MOTION (Mans/Nichols) to authorize Erik Aleson to negotiate price and conditions with landowner and permission granted for Erik to apply for a grant for purchasing additional park lands, contingent on Corporation Counsel approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

MOTION (Bousley/Mans) to authorize John Scott to negotiate with landowner for land purchase or trade. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

12. Correspondence: Correspondence if not specifically listed will be for information only

No correspondence received.

13. Informational: Monthly Report on Parks Activities

Parks Activity Report (copy attached) presented and accepted.

14. Informational: Revenue Report

Revenue report (copy attached) presented and accepted.

15. Approve/Amend monthly invoices

MOTION (Nichols/Mattison) Monthly invoices approved. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

MOTION (Nichols/Mans) Forward monthly invoices over \$5K, with recommendation for approval to the County Board. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

16. Set date for next meeting

Date for next meeting, January 7, 2010.

17. Adjourn

MOTION (Nichols/Mans) to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Kathy Coleman
Clerk/Typist