

MEETING MINUTES: PARK COMMITTEE FOR VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE

Minutes For:

Monday, February 04, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall, Annex Location, to consider;

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Trustee Max Clifford with members, Lani Stanek, Dave Reetz, and Trustees Chris Boucher present and Andy Beiser (Absent). Also, in attendance was DPW Ruetten and Members of Saw Dust Days Committee including Ellen Schmidt, Tom and Patty Guenther, Jeff Bedwourd in attendance.

Public Participation – None

Communication – *WYDC has started construction, through the High School, on the crows nest project for Marble Park. The Village has approved the park colors for this project.*

Approve Minutes from January 07, 2019 meeting – ***Motion by Stanek Seconded by Boucher to approve January 07, 2018 meeting minutes. Carried by voice vote 4/0.***

Operations Progress:

Update – DPW Ruetten Reviewed

- *Trimmed trees and underbrush on the island in LWP*
- *Winter project of re-doing picnic tables to include ADA accessible picnic tables at each shelter continued*
- *Still waiting for Proto 1 to manufacture the bases for the Pool diving platform ladders so they can be installed prior to Spring.*

Old Business

Summer Rec Programs – DPW Reviewed

- Discussion – DPW and Administrator had a meeting with the YMCA
 - o DPW and Administrator have been communicating with the YMCA who has approached their Board however, they would like the Village to draft a proposal to ensure they will not loose money for the FY 19 year on the Rec and pool activities. The proposal will include a not to exceed price.
 - o Hopefully the proposal will be available next month.
- Recommendation – None at this time

Park CIP Long term planning – DPW Reviewed

- Discussion – McMahon group has been contracted to look at all the Village Facilities unfortunately, with all that has been going on we do not have anything to present at this meeting however, the March meeting there will be information available for the Park Committee make recommendations.
- Recommendation – None at this time

Bike Share Program – DPW reviewed

- Discussion – Would the Committee like to pursue the Bike Share program?
 - o The Village has looked into a survey company but, it was not economically feasible. A survey has not been done

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- Comments on a simple Facebook survey and this would be tabled until then
- Reetz added that the High School has the ability to put out surveys to all students. DPW will ask Mitch to contact Todd at the School to ask permission.
- Recommendation -- Committee would like more for additional public input prior to decision tabled.

New Business

Sawdust Days Interest in Winneconne Parks for 2019 Event

- Discussion – DPW Reviewed the Request and introduced Ellen Schmidt who submitted the request
 - Ellen Schmidt, President of the Sawdust Days Committee, presented that Oshkosh has steadily increased their fees to the point that it is not feasible to hold it in Oshkosh. They are looking for a new place to hold the event.
 - Tom added that the event is five days with two days of set up and take down at the beginning and end. He and several other Committee members have looked at Marble Park and feel that the event would fit entirely in Marble Park. He presented a map of the park and where all the events would be located.
 - Ellen added, the event is a free event except for what people want to purchase from vendors. The event has been running in Oshkosh for 47 years held entirely with volunteers with no cost to participants. This is one of the reasons that the increased fees make it difficult to continue in Oshkosh.
 - Jeff, the President of the AMVets, added that this event is the largest event that makes money for his organization throughout the year.
 - DPW Ruetten added the Administrator and the Police Chief have contacted Oshkosh to gather information on the event and concerns over policing were noted.
 - Ellen included that the event hires a private security company for the event and runs a first aid station tent on the grounds.
 - Boucher stated that holding the event in area or location, such as Marble Park, would be easier to control verses how spread out the event is in Oshkosh. The only issue is parking.
 - Ellen offered that the Oshkosh Chamber estimated three years ago that the event brings in over \$14 million in revenue for Oshkosh and that \$38,000 was put directly back into the Oshkosh Park system over the years.
 - Clifford asked about the stigma and violence that has happened in the past and how it is today.
 - Ellen stated that there were issues with one group from Menasha but not with locals also, she feels that if the event was moved, they don't think they would follow.
 - After event staff left the Committee discussed – They believe the location is the issue not the event and also that bad publicity from past years has affected the event.
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- Recommendation – **Recommended to move the Village Board for approval for a one-year trial, with a fee of \$1500 for one week plus have Chief Olsen put together policing costs. In addition, they would like Chief Olsen to contact or find out more information about the security the event hires.**

Fishing Platforms Purchase – DPW Reviewed

- Discussion – DPW reviewed previous discussion and meeting concerning the purchase of the fishing platforms off the old bridge from Lunda Contractors
 - o Prior discussions concerned cost, use, and if alternative materials would be more cost effective.
- Recommendation – **Committee felt that they would not be used and will not purchase the platforms. Carried by voice vote 4/0**

Set next meeting date and adjourn – 4th of March 2019 at 5:00pm.

Motion by Stanek, second by Reetz to adjourn at 6:15pm; 4-0 approve.

Kirk Ruetten
Public Works Director