

Parks Committee Meeting
June 10, 2014 9:00 a.m.
Castle Rock Park

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced.

Roll Call: Committee Members: Bob Eggebrecht, Marge Edwards, Lori Djumadi, Robin Skala, and Jake Roseberry. Others present: Fred Nickel – Director Parks/Recreation, Darren Tolley – Petenwell Park Manager, and Mark Miller – Castle Rock Park Manager.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Edwards/Djumadi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Eggebrecht/Djumadi to approve the May 13, 2014, minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items:

Correspondences /Special User Requests: None.

Public Participation on Agenda Items: Public input as agenda items arise.

Committee Reports: Eggebrecht visited the parks over the holiday weekend and reported they were very busy. There were many ATV's around Petenwell Park area including parked in the designated ATV parking area at Petenwell , as well as the area businesses, and on trailers. This is the future of things to come and we as a Department need to keep making effort to utilize this type of public recreation. Djumadi asked where the designated ATV parking area is located at Petenwell Park.

State Aid Request Status for Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks' Capital Improvements: Director thanked the Committee for the support that has been given to the projects and explained that Adams County's chances are very good with the point process on the stewardship grant which will be awarded within a month. The land acquisition and ATV camping grant has been revised slightly by WI DNR. Decision(s) will then be made and the Department should know something by mid – August.

Petenwell Harbor of Refuge Retaining Wall Issues, Possible Site Visit by Committee: Petenwell Park Manager updated Committee. No action was taken.

Petenwell Park Tractor Lease: Motion by Skala/Roseberry to purchase tractor and implements from R&S for a price of \$37,400.00, utilizing John Deere 0 % financing option making three annual payments. The first payment will consist of budgeted money for vehicle/mower replacement and income from the sale of the 1995 truck and the John Deere 2305 tractor/mower, with remaining amount being budgeted as capital improvement in two equal amounts for 2015 and 2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Patrick Lake Park: Director reported the new open air shelter has been completed; however, all the bills have not been received by the Department yet.

Free Camping Weekend: Park Managers reported on the free camping weekend. Both parks had locals that utilized the free camping weekend for residents. More refreshments were served than in past years as well.

Aquatic Playground Purchase(s): Castle Rock Park Manager presented a proposal on building a splash pad by park personnel for approximately \$7800.00. Motion by Edwards/Djumadi to move forward with this project utilizing surplus 2013 revenues if possible. A line item adjustment will be made to use capital improvement funds for the project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Employee Status: Department has had some employee changes as is typical with LTE summer help. AmeriCorps workers will be assisting with some park improvement projects in the near future.

Outlying Parks: There was some vandalism at Arrowhead; however, the suspects were apprehended and restitution will be pursued for the damages. A new dock will be installed at Arrowhead in the near future and new posts were installed around the parking lot area.

There was much discussion on outlying parks and public accesses and funding for them. After a lengthy debate Director proposed he would make a presentation the beginning of September for all County Board members who are interested in attending to explain how the Parks Department works with grants, budgets, etc. A report on the above will be distributed to County Board prior to the presentation.

Trails Report: Coordinator updated Committee on the ATV trails and the seemingly daily changes in regards to land sale(s) and the new owner(s), and ATV trail use by the public. Handmade maps are currently being distributed with trail changes. Motion by Djumadi/Edwards to approve Coordinator sign the land use agreement with the company that is purchasing land from Plum Creek Timber Co., as to not disrupt trail use during the transition. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Revenue Report, Expense Check Summary Report, and Expense Report: Reports were reviewed that were available.

Future Agenda Items: State Aid Request Status for Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks' Capital Improvements, Petenwell Harbor of Refuge Retaining Wall Issues, Aquatic Playground Purchases, and Patrick Lake Park.

Set Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at Petenwell Park.

Adjourn: Motion by Edwards/Skala to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Submitted by,

Marge Edwards
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Rita Kolstad, Parks Clerk/Bookkeeper.
These minutes have not been approved by the Parks Committee.