

Parks Committee Meeting
July 8, 2014 9:00 a.m.
Petenwell Park

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced.

Roll Call: Committee Members: Bob Eggebrecht, Marge Edwards, Lori Djumadi, and Robin Skala, Jake Roseberry- excused. Others present: Fred Nickel – Director Parks/Recreation, Darren Tolley – Petenwell Park Manager, Mark Miller – Castle Rock Park Manager, Rita Kolstad – Parks Administrative Clerk, and Ron Pederson – ATV Club Rep.

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

Previous Minutes: Motion by Djumadi/Edwards to approve the June 10, 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 Member Reports: Motion by Djumadi/Edwards to implement suggestion boxes and surveys at Castle Rock and Petenwell Parks to include name and address as optional information. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Djumadi/Edwards to strike Personnel Director from the Parks Administrative Flow Chart. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

State Aid Request Status for Petenwell and Castle Rock Parks' Capital Improvements and ATV Land Acquisition: Director reported the DNR has made their State Aid grant decisions; however, the results have not been announced at this time. Director reviewed Resolution # 71-1984, discussion followed. The Parks Department should know by mid August if receiving any monies for ATV land acquisition.

Petenwell Harbor of Refuge Retaining Wall Issues, Possible Site Visit by Committee: Committee viewed site and discussed several options for repairs. Department staff may do some of the project to save on costs.

Patrick Lake Park: Director reported the new day use shelter has been completed by the Patrick Lake Association and they will be beginning the old shelter revitalization project soon. Once completed department staff will do some landscaping in those areas. Juneau County's WCC crew is also doing some work at Patrick Lake Park and Castle Rock Park due to lack of projects in Juneau County at this time.

Equipment Purchase(s): Petenwell Park purchased a back pack style mosquito/bug spraying unit and it has helped; however, is not big enough for park usage. Manager reported used vehicle pull behind units may be available in the near future and will report back to Committee once more information becomes available. Petenwell Park Manager reported the new tractor purchase approved by the Parks Committee at the June meeting cannot be completed as proposed per the company. The tractor purchase will be re-evaluated at the August Committee meeting.

Aquatic Playground Purchase(s): No action taken.

Employee Status: Parks are staffed. Castle Rock Park Manager reported his last two Park Patrol employees have now become deputies.

Outlying Parks: Petenwell Park Manager to contact Town of Rome to repair the road to Camelot. The new dock at Arrowhead should be installed in the near future. Seal coating at Camelot and Sherwood to be completed yet this season.

Trails Report: The snowmobile audit was reviewed by Committee. Department will be applying for supplemental grooming monies as the Clubs are eligible due to exceeding the grooming monies already allocated due to the snowy winter.

The Department was recently notified by Plum Creek Timberlands their plan to sell additional property in the ATV trail area and suggested Adams County look elsewhere for addition land for ATV trails.

Mr. Pederson reported getting / hearing complaints from locals, tourists, businesses, and landowners on the current ATV trail situation including contention on the reduced trails among riders. The lack of connecting roadways through the County is also a problem; townships need to open their road(s) to ATV users. Djumadi stated Adams County should look into the possibility of purchasing property for recreation purposes.

Revenue Report, Expense Check Summary Report, and Expense Report: Reviewed by Committee.

Future Agenda Items: Chairman instructed Committee to notify Parks Clerk if there is anything they want on any future agenda.

Set Next Meeting Date: August 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at Patrick Lake Park.

Adjourn: Motion by Edwards/Djumadi to adjourn at 11:45 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.