

# PARKS COMMISSION

October 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 4:30 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Bill Boutwell  
Vonn Roberts  
Todd Morris  
Michael Shattuck  
Jerry Specht  
Curt Talma  
Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom)

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion/second (Shattuck/Specht)* to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## APPEARANCE

- **Brian Stenz of Wisconsin Heros Outdoors**

Stenz stated that the goal of the Wisconsin Heros Outdoors organization is to provide handicapped access launches for all individuals in need. They would like to install one on Green Lake and are looking for ideal conditions such as calm and shallow waters with little traffic flow. The cost is approximately \$35,000 for a basic launch with a ramp and the entire cost would be funded by grants. Discussion held. Stenz asked for email suggestions for a location as they are hoping to get this done by spring of 2022.

Charlie Wielgosh left the meeting at 4:55 PM.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Walker spoke on behalf of Walleyes for Tomorrow regarding their desire to install a handicapped fishing pier, possibly by the inlet on CTH A. This would be funded by donations and would be at no cost to the county. He stated they would like to have this done by spring of 2022. *Motion/second (Morris/Wielgosh)* to move forward with the request and check into the location.

## CURRENT BOAT LANCH FEE FUNDS

County Clerk Liz Otto did not have updated figures as of this date but the carryover fund would remain the same at \$237,928.63 and the year to date figure would be approximately \$45,000.

## PRIORITY USES FOR BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Chair Boutwell called for suggestions on priority uses for the boat launch fee funds. Suggestions included restrooms, launch replacement and/or additional launches at Dodge Memorial Park, fish cleaning stations, a solution for the depth problem at Dodge Memorial Park, and handicapped piers for canoes and kayaks.

**UPDATE ON BATHROOMS AT SUNSET PARK**

Todd Morris provided information on a flush system from Green Flush Restrooms for approximately \$110,000. Discussion on the pros and cons of installing this type of system.

**HANDICAPPED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Zobel Park currently provides handicapped playground equipment.

**WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW – PIER FOR DISABLED AT SUNSET PARK**

This was taken care of earlier on the agenda.

**HANDICAPPED PIER FOR CANOES AND KAYAKS**

Discussion held on the placement for this and whether or not boat launch fees can be charged for this.

**BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – CITY OF GREEN LAKE**

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated she has not heard back from the attorney for the City of Green Lake yet.

**PARKS REPORT**

- **Monthly activities** – Parks Director Scott Weir gave an update on parks maintenance.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** November 8, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

**Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** park signage and marketing, update on Walleyes for Tomorrow request, review of 5 year plan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk