

# PARKS COMMISSION

November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, November 8, 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 (3:16)  
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); Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Chief Deputy Matt Vandekolk

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Roberts/Specht)* to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

## **CURRENT BOAT LAUNCH FEE FUNDS**

County Clerk Liz Otto reported the year to date boat launch fees are at \$55,000 and the carryover fund is at \$237,928.63.

## **PRIORITY USES FOR BOAT LAUNCH FEES**

Discussion held on boat launch fee uses. Parks Director Scott Weir stated that some ramps need to be replaced and a parking lot sealcoated soon. Additional parking area discussed at both Dodge Memorial and Sunset parks along with possibly using some of the funds to help eliminate the duckweed problem. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow will send the current statutes for use of boat launch fees the committee members. Weir will look into DNR regulations for boat launch fee use and provide that for the next meeting.

## **PARK SIGNAGE AND MARKETING**

Discussion held on new signage at Zobel Park to promote the disc golf course and the handicapped playground. Weir distributed information on the signs he is ordering. Other possible options to promote county parks include the Green Lake County website, tourism magazines, social media, and the Green Lake Country Visitor's Bureau website.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESTROOMS AT SUNSET PARK**

Discussion held on which type of restroom would be the best choice at Sunset Park – pit toilets or flushable toilets. Chair Boutwell instructed Weir to provide 3 bids for pit toilets at the next meeting.

**HANDICAPPED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

This item was covered previously in the meeting.

**UPDATE ON WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW - PIER FOR DISABLED AT SUNSET PARK**

Todd Morris stated that he hasn't hear anything further from Al Walker regarding the progress on this. Weir stated there are no DNR regulations that would need to be considered. Morris will contact Walker prior to the next meeting.

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

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated she is still in the process of emailing with the City of Green Lake attorney regarding this issue. She will follow up with him.

**DISCUSSION ON 5 YEAR PARKS PLAN**

Parks Director Scott Weir went through the list of improvements to be completed by 2025 and informed the committee which ones are complete.

**PARKS REPORT**

- **Monthly activities** – Parks Director Scott Weir gave additional updates.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** December 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM

**Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** DNR rules for boat launch fees, biking/walking on CTH T, bids on Sunset Park restroom, update on Walleyes for Tomorrow pier, update on Wisconsin Heros Outdoors launch

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 4:08 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk