

PARKS COMMISSION

February 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:00 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
Todd Morris
Michael Shattuck
Jerry Specht (Zoom – 3:12)
Curt Talma
Charlie Wielgosh

Absent: Vonn Roberts

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor (3:44); Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Shattuck/Morris) to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- Jim Trubshaw, GLA – Information on Duck Weed Mitigation

Jim Trubshaw of the Green Lake Association spoke in regard to the duckweed problem on Green Lake, particularly in the Silver Creek estuary. He outlined GLA’s proposal to install a test harvesting system located by the CTH A bridge to mitigate the problem. The equipment and maintenance would all be provided by GLA but they are requesting to use county owned land to set up the process. Trubshaw will work with Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow to draft a resolution or memo of understanding to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Todd Morris, Land Conservation – the CD3 System

Todd Morris of the Land Conservation department provided information regarding a boat washing system that has been used in several areas of the state that doesn’t require a well for power washing. This would be a solution for Sunset Park and would cost approximately \$35,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

CURRENT BOAT LANCH FEE FUNDS

County Clerk Liz Otto reported the total of the boat launch fees \$55,466.80 for 2021 and the carryover fund is at \$237,928.63.

DNR RULES FOR BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated that the county can’t override any of the DNR rules that are outlined in state statute. She advised that the committee check with her in advance with any requests so she can check into it.

UPDATE ON WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW PIER

Todd Morris stated that there is a resolution going before the County Board on February 15 regarding the pier.

UPDATE ON WISCONSIN HEROS OUTDOORS LAUNCH

Chair Bill Boutwell stated there is no update at this time.

BIDS FOR SUNSET PARK RESTROOMS

Parks Director Scott Weir provided updated estimates. Discussion held. No action taken and this item will be removed from future agendas.

UPDATE BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – CITY OF GREEN LAKE

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated she still has not received any information from Attorney Dan Sondalle regarding this matter.

UPDATE FROM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON CTH T

Jerry Specht stated that he hasn't spoken to anyone at the Highway Department due to staff changes. He will speak with Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda regarding additional signage.

UPDATE ON GLCVB BROCHURE TO INCLUDE COUNTY PARKS

Bill Boutwell stated that he is working with Lisa Meier at the Green Lake Chamber of Commerce to be included in several more area tourist magazines.

PARKS ANNUAL REPORT

Parks Director Scott Weir stated there are no updates to his submitted annual report. There will be changes to the salary lines for next year to better reflect the hours worked on boat launches and parks.

PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly activities** – no updates per Scott Weir

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: *Motion/second (Shattuck/Morris)* to allow Dick Martens to speak via Zoom. Motion carried with no negative vote. Martens requested that the mitigation project move forward as soon as possible so that the GLA can plan on a spring implementation. Meeting set for March 28, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: MOU and/or resolution for duckweed mitigation

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk