

PARKS COMMISSION

June 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by County Clerk Liz Otto on Monday, June 13, 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
Vonn Roberts
Jerry Specht
Curt Talma (Zoom)
Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ron Severson, Maintenance Tech; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Dave Abendroth, County Board Chair

ELECTION OF CHAIR

County Clerk Liz Otto called for nominations for Chair of the Parks Commission. *Motion/second (Roberts/Specht)* to nominate Bill Boutwell. Otto called for additional nominations 3 times. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Wielgosh/Shattuck)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Boutwell for Chair. Motion carried.

Bill Boutwell was seated as Chair of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Boutwell called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Parks Commission. *Motion/second (Wielgosh/Morris)* to nominate Curt Talma. Boutwell called for additional nominations 3 times. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Wielgosh/Morris)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Curt Talma for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Shattuck/Specht) to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- Terrace Shores Church

Tim Dille, who provides building and grounds maintenance for Terrace Shores Church, appeared to request removal of the chain link fence on the lot line between the church and the county. He stated that the area has become overgrown with saplings and brush and the church has volunteered to take care of the problem. They are also requesting to plant flowers or put stone in an approximately 4 foot area between the county park parking lot and church property.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF LANDSCAPING DONATION FROM TERRACE SHORES CHURCH

Discussion held regarding Dille request from the appearance above. The committee requested confirmation on who owns the chain link fence in question. *Motion/second (Morris/Specht)* to move forward with the request from Terrace Shores Church and to schedule a meeting as soon as possible between Terrace Shores, Green Lake County Corporation Counsel, and Scott Weir, Parks Supervisor. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES (continued)

- Sally Kefer – Purchase of Property

Sally Kefer gave a presentation regarding her desire to sell her 31.22 acres of property on Little Green Lake to Green Lake County to be used as an additional county park and nature preserve. She cited the assets to her property and also listed funding options for the county to purchase the property and maintain it going forward. Kefer requested that if the acquisition takes place that it be complete by January 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

UPDATE ON THE DUCKWEED MITIGATION IMPLEMENTATION

Todd Morris stated that the project is on hold until the DNR approves all required permits.

UPDATE ON WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW PIER

Todd Morris stated that Al Walker will be meeting with Scott Weir, Parks Supervisor, in regard to placement of the pier now that walleye spawning is complete.

UPDATE ON BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – CITY OF GREEN LAKE

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated she has had no contact from the City of Green Lake. Discussion held regarding the lack of communication and getting this taken care of.

UPDATE FROM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON CTH T

Jerry Specht stated that there are no signs installed yet. He will contact Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda to find out when this will take place. Boutwell suggested bringing this before the Highway Committee as well.

ARPA REQUEST FOR LAUREE’S TRAIL

Jerry Specht stated an interest in requesting ARPA funding for further bike trail expansion in Green Lake County. Discussion held. County Administrator Cathy Schmit explained the current process for requesting funding and stated that Green Lake Greenways has request for \$35,000 on the list to complete Phase II of the trail.

PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly activities** – no update to submitted report

CLOSED SESSION

- The committee may convene into Closed Session to Deliberate or Negotiate the Purchasing of Public Property under Wis. §19.85(1)(e). This closed session pertains to the Kefer property.

Motion/second (Morris/Specht) to convene into Closed Session at 4:01 PM. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion/second (Roberts/Morris) to reconvene into Open Session at 4:21PM. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Micheal Shattuck exited the meeting during Closed Session but joined via Zoom for the remainder of the meeting

Motion/second (Morris/Roberts) to direct Chair Boutwell to inform Sally Kefer of the committee's decision made in Closed Session. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: July 11, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: landscaping at Terrace Shores Church, CTH T signage, boat launch fee discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 4:29 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk