

PARKS COMMISSION

August 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, August 8, 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
Vonn Roberts
Jerry Specht (3:38)
Curt Talma
Charlie Wielgosh

Absent: Michael Shattuck

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (3:21); Gene Thom Supervisor #19

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Roberts/Morris) to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING MEMORIAL BENCH AND SUNSET PARK

Parks Director Scott Weir stated he received correspondence from Karen Boegel requesting permission to donate a bench at Sunset Park. In the past the donor pays for the materials and the Maintenance Department donates their time to install it.

Motion/second (Morris/Roberts) to approve the donation. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource LLC – Jim Scharl, Lakes Services Manager, provided information to the committee regarding the options for duckweed removal:
 - 1) Chemical removal – Scharl stated that the DNR will not allow this option through a required permit
 - 2) DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) – this only works on the duckweed at the time of harvest – it doesn't take care of any future problem so it must be repeated as needed. Large equipment is required.
 - 3) Manual removal – this is accomplished by watermovers installed on the docks for approximately \$1500 each. There are several in use on Green Lake at this time.
- Hannah Butkiewicz, Golden Sands RC&D – Invasive Species Grant
Ms. Butkiewicz provided information regarding the US Forest Service Great Lakes Initiative Grant for up to \$50,000 to support outreach and education, inventory and control work for invasive species. They are requesting a letter of support and either a cash donation or volunteer work to match 20% of the funds along with other partnering counties.
- Friends of the Trail – no appearance

PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly activities** – no update from submitted written report per Scott Weir

UPDATE ON BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – CITY OF GREEN LAKE

Chair Boutwell stated that he directed Scott Weir to take care of the right of way mowing on the trail until this issue is resolved.

UPDATE ON LANDSCAPING DONATION FROM TERRACE SHORES CHURCH

Scott Weir stated that he talked to the maintenance person at Terrace Shores and they reached an agreement that the church will take care of the property on their side of the lot line and the county will take care of ours. No MOU is necessary.

TOUR DODGE MEMORIAL PARK AND TERRACE SHORES CHURCH – 3:45

The committee recessed for the tour of Dodge Memorial Park and Terrace Shores Church at 3:45 PM. Curt Talma left the meeting at 4:25 PM.

RESUME MEETING AT GREEN LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER AT 4:45

The meeting resumed at 4:45 in the UW-Extension training room.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GOLDEN SANDS RC&D INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT

Motion/second (Morris/Wielgosh) to direct Todd Morris to write a letter of support and agree to an in kind donation through Land Conservation for work hours up to \$3,300 in the next 3 years. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION ON BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Chair Boutwell stated that boat launch fees should remain the same but funds should start being spent for improvements. *Motion/second (Specht/Roberts)* to approve installing 3 watermovers at Sunset Park for duckweed mitigation to be paid for with boat launch fees. Motion carried with no negative vote. Chair Boutwell directed committee members to provide other improvement ideas at the next meeting.

2023 PARKS BUDGET

Scott Weir stated there was a typo on his submitted budget and the Boat Launch Maintenance line item should be \$23,860 instead of \$22,180.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: September 12, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: update on Wisconsin Lake and Pond project, boat launch fee fund totals

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk