

# PARKS COMMISSION

July 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, July 10, 2023 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 remote access. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Bill Boutwell  
Ken Bates (remote)  
Vonn Roberts  
Jerry Specht  
Curt Talma (remote)  
Charlie Wielgosh  
Michael Shattuck (remote – 3:15)

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Ken Stephani, Finance Director; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Matt Vandekolk, Chief Deputy

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Specht/Roberts)* to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

## **MASCOUTIN TRAIL AND LAURIE’S TRAIL SIGNAGE**

Jerry Specht is also a member of Green Lake Greenways and spoke in regard to the ability to use e-assist bicycles on both Mascoutin Trail and Laurie’s Trail. Scott Weir stated that this would involve two different sets of rules since the Mascoutin Trail is a state trail and Laurie’s Trail is a county trail. Specht stated that Greenways feels only ADA compliant motorized vehicles be allowed on Laurie’s Trail other than e-assist bicycles. Chair Boutwell asked Specht to research this further and provide more information at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY ON PARK AMENITIES**

Jerry Specht proposed a county employee be stationed at Dodge Memorial Park on summer weekends and holidays to monitor the bathrooms, garbage, and hand out surveys to gather public input on county parks. Discussion held. County Administrator Cate Wylie stated she will work with Scott Weir to come up with a survey and bring it back to the committee for approval.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- Move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session – regarding purchase of additional park lands

*Motion/second (Roberts/Specht)* to move into Closed Session at 3:29 PM – Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

## **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

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**Motion/second (Roberts/Specht)** to reconvene into Open Session at 4:18 PM – Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carried.

**PARKS REPORT**

- **Monthly activities** – no questions or discussion on submitted report

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** Special meeting on Monday, July 17 @ 3:00 PM

**Future Agenda items for action & discussion:**

**TOUR OF LAND DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Boutwell stated this will not take place due to the extreme heat today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Submitted by,



Liz Otto  
County Clerk