

PARKS COMMISSION

October 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, October 9, 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
Vonn Roberts
Charlie Wielgosh
Michael Shattuck
Curt Talma (remote)

Absent: Ken Bates

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Ron Severson, Maintenance Technician; Todd Morris, County Conservationist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Roberts/Shattuck) to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Krueger of Markesan asked why the boat launches are pulled out so early and also questioned why the docks aren't permanent.

APPEARANCE: TODD MORRIS

Todd Morris, County Conservationist, gave an update on the boat wash station at Dodge Memorial Park. A meeting was held with the Green Lake Association and changes for next year will include automation instead of all manned hours, heat installed for longer season availability, less staffing hours to save money and the addition of a camera at the site. The signage will also be moved for better flow of information. No additional funding requested.

BOAT LAUNCH FEE UPDATE

Clerk Otto stated that currently \$55,405 has been taken in this year for boat launch fees. A detailed report will be provided for November with expenses and revenues along with carryover.

KAYAK LAUNCH UPDATE

Two quotes requested – Scott Weir not here. No updates at this time per County Administrator Cate Wylie. Discussion held regarding signage by the kayak launch to pay launch fee at the station. Motion Roberts to evaluate the cost of signage. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann advised no motion is needed to have Scott Weir look into the cost of signage. Discussion for next month to discuss a possible boat launch fee for kayak launch usage.

UPDATE ON LAND ASSESSMENT

No update per Cate Wylie.

PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly activities** – no discussion on submitted report from Scott Weir

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: November 6th at 3:00 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: land acquisition, kayak launch fees, barge situation on Green Lake, boat launch enforcement, pier installation and removal dates

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto

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County Clerk