

Promotions & Recreation Committee Minutes

September 8th, 2015

The Promotions & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Bruce Heidmann. Members present included: Bruce Heidmann, Larry Kirchman, Scott Jahnke, Dennis Cravillion and Ken Tebon. Also present was Promotions & Recreation Director Dave Myers & Recording Secretary Jenny Salentine. Guests at today's meeting included: County Board Chairman Ron Heuer.

Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes: Larry Kirchman made a motion to adopt today's agenda and approve the August 11th Promotions & Recreation Committee Minutes. Second by Ken Tebon. All in Favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Committee Liaison Reports: Chairman Heidmann reported the Zoobilee was successful. He also thanked the Bruemmer Family for donating \$5,000.00 to the Zoological Society to be used towards improvements at the Park & Zoo.

Discuss issuing of a RFP for a race track promoter for 2016 Season: As reported at the August Promotions & Recreation Committee meeting, the current Race Track Promoter, Mr. Mathu would have a new proposal for the committee's review prior to today's meeting. Nothing has been received by any committee members or the office. Dave presented a generic newspaper ad to the committee. Motion made by Scott Jahnke authorizing administration to publish a RFP for the 2016 Race Track Season. Second by Larry Kirchman. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss adding security system to Bruemmer County Park: We have received the following quotes:

- ❖ Martin Security Quote: \$ 2,554.00
- ❖ Bee Safe Security: \$2,300.00

Bee Safe Security has also installed security systems @ Ryan Park and Winter Park.

Funding for this project has been set aside from the sale of Fox Kits a few years ago.

Motion made by Dennis Cravillion approving the Bee Safe Security System at the price of \$2,300.00. Second by Scott Jahnke. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Ryan Park Ag Land Contract: Short discussion about renewing land contract w/ Mr. Clinton Kinstetter for Ag Land @ Ryan Park. A motion made by Ken Tebon approving the lease to Clinton Kinstetter with the terms originally set with the gifting of the property from the late Mrs. Edna Besserlich. Second by Larry Kirchman. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss 2016 Department Budget: Our Dept was asked to present 2 budgets, one with a 0% increase and another with a 5% reduction. Affects of 5% reduction would include the elimination of a temporary summer employee & therefore less grass mowing at the Parks & would either lessen or eliminate garbage collection at the parks. Committee Member Scott Jahnke asked if we have checked into the cost of contracting our grass cutting. County Board Chairman Ron Heuer explained the revenue loss from Dominion & updated everyone on our status with legislation. Committee Member Larry Kirchman stated WRLU was conducting a survey to use a sale tax increase to balance the budget. Dave continued his budget presentation adding proposed fee increases to include:

- ❖ Boat Launch Daily Pass, currently \$3/day, increase to \$5/day
- ❖ Boat Launch Season Pass, currently \$20/season, increase to \$30/season
- ❖ Shelter Reservations @ Bruemmer Park (3 Open Air Shelters) & Ryan Park Open Air Shelter, currently \$30/use, increase to \$35/use
- ❖ Ryan Park 4-Season Shelter & Ski Chalet, currently \$110/use, increase to \$130/use
- ❖ All Fairgrounds Rental Fees shall remain the same.

Committee Member Dennis Cravillion mentioned our need for updating mowers on a regular basis and suggests we "put away" \$2,000 from each budget to purchase/update mowers. Committee Member Larry Kirchman asked what is the summer employee wage. The wage is the same as the Highway Temporary Employee Wage, \$11.72 per hour. The committee requests to receive monthly copies of the budget balances at each monthly meeting. A motion to approve the budget as prepared and forward to Administration for full County Board approval made by Larry Kirchman. Second by Dennis Cravillion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Travel Requests: None

Directors Report: Please see the attached Director's Report.

Approve & Sign Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers as presented made by Scott Jahnke. Second by Dennis Cravillion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Any other business as allowed by law: Larry Kirchman asked for a status update of the Race Track rent. Scott Jahnke asked for an update on the possible Eagle Scout Project for updating the sign & landscaping at Red River County Park.

Next Meeting Dates: The next Promotions & Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th @ 5:00 PM, in the Highway Dept Conference Room.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn today's meeting by Larry Kirchman. Second by Ken Tebon. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenny Salentine, Recording Secretary



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Director Report (August 11th - September 8th)

Winter Park

W.P.A has started work on remodeling the existing snow tube storage building to increase the number of tubes we can hold in that building. We have also sent some older tubes in to be refurbished and will have those back before the season starts.

Ahnapee State Trail

We are continuing work on brushing and tree removal from the trail.

Bruemmer Park

Zoobilee was held the last weekend of August and we had a terrific turn out including a large donation from the Bruemmer family to the Zoological Society. The arctic foxes are enjoying their new exhibit and I am happy with how everything is falling into place with the new fencing. ZSKC is also arranging for the flag pole at the entrance of the park to be repaired at no cost to the county.

Fairgrounds

We need to get the RFP done and get some plans for a promoter for the next race season. Ag-Heritage Days is also coming up this month as well as one race left for the year (the last 2 have been cancelled due to rain).

Red River Park

We are working with the Dyckesville Lions Club to replace the roof on the restroom building. We are purchasing the materials and they are going to donate their time for all of the installation.

Ryan Park

I have been talking with the DNR about closing out the current grants involving Ryan Park and we are very close to getting the final payments taken care of.

West Alaska Lake

I met with Randy Kleiman of the Tri-Lakes Association and we discussed improvements at this Lake. I am going to start some planning as far as what we want to do here and I have been in contact with the DNR as to what grant availability would be here as well. I will have more info on this project in the upcoming months.

Snowmobile Alliance

We have been given a grant to build a previously planned bridge on the new trail re-route (DePrey Bridge). The grant is for \$39,200 and is 100% funded by the state. We will be working on getting bids for the project and hope to have this completed in the next year.

Promotions

We will be working with updating travel Wisconsin on the fall color report – percentage of leaves changing and when we think we will hit peak fall colors.

General Park

Our new caretaker has started and we are getting him up to speed as quickly as possible. He has a lot of ground to cover in the next few months, but I believe he will do very well learning all there is to know about our parks system.