

PARKS COMMISSION

May 6, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 4:15 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Vicki Bernhagen
Bill Boutwell
Todd Morris
Curt Talma
Michael Shattuck
Jerry Specht
Vonn Roberts

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Sheriff Mark Podoll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Morris) to approve the minutes of the 02/04/2019, 03/11/2019 and 04/01/2019 meetings with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

- **Boat washing stations – Anna Cisar and Stephanie Prellwitz**

Anna Cisar of Golden Sand Resource & Development Council and Stephanie Prellwitz, Executive Director of the Green Lake Association gave a presentation on their plan to inhibit the invasive species problem in Green Lake. Full scale boat washing stations which would include hot water hoses, etc. is part of the long range plan. In the meantime, they are requesting the following:

- 1) Boat cleaning boards be installed at Dodge Memorial and Sunset Park
- 2) Initial investment total of \$1700 for the two boards and approximately \$90 for annual operation and maintenance to be paid out of the boat launch expense account.
- 3) The county install the signs at no charge.

All cities and towns with public boat landings within the county will be asked to install boards as well. Discussion held. Cisar and Prellwitz will contact the Planning & Zoning Department to find out if there are any requirements and bring it back to the Parks Commission through a resolution for approval.

GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BOAT LAUNCH FEE WAIVER – COUNTY ROAD K WETLAND RESIDENTS ONLY

Lisa Reas, Green Lake Sanitary District Administrator, requested that boat launch annual pass fees be waived for 6 landowners in the County K marsh due to their inability to access the lake during the spring and early summer carp

spawning period. Reas explained that there is a barrier under the K bridge and in order to reduce the carp numbers in the wetland the gate must be closed so the landowners are unable to access the lake.

Motion/second (Shattuck/Morris) to waive the annual boat launch fee for the 6 landowners specified. All ayes. Motion carried.

2019 PARKS BUDGET

Discussion and explanation of the 2019 Parks budget held.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES

County Clerk Liz Otto explained that the revenues and expenses are reviewed by the Finance Committee on a monthly basis.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Relating to Supporting Construction and Maintenance of a Multiple Purpose Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail between Ripon and Green Lake along the State Road 23 Corridor**

Jerry Specht spoke as a member of Green Lake Greenways to explain that this resolution is to support funding for the final phase of the multi-use trail. Funding is currently in place for the portion from the Hwy 23/49 intersection to Forest Ridge Road as well as from Sunnyside Road to CTH PP. This resolution would allow for grant request funding for the section from Forest Ridge Road to Sunnyside Road.

Motion/second (Roberts/Morris) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Discussion held. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOAT LAUNCH TERMINAL UPDATE

County Clerk Liz Otto informed the committee that the terminals have been installed and should be working after a technician comes to reconfigure the cell tower issue.

DODGE MEMORIAL PARK BOAT LAUNCH ISSUES

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir explained that the launches at Dodge Memorial Park are regulated by the DNR as to depth requirements. No action taken.

MEMORIAL BENCH APPROVAL

Todd Morris stated that the Land Conservation department is asking for approval to donate a bench in memory of Charlie Marks, the former Green Lake Sanitary District Administrator.

Motion/second (Morris/Specht) to approve the donated bench. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIVE YEAR PARKS PLAN

County Clerk Liz Otto distributed the current 5 year Parks and Recreation plan to all committee members. The plan was adopted in 2014 and will need to be updated by the end of the year. Chair Boutwell advised all committee members to review the plan and bring any questions or suggestions to the August meeting.

SCENIC OVERLOOK

Chair Boutwell suggested a scenic overlook sign for the area near CTH B and Hwy 73 due to the view of both Green Lake and Lake Puckaway. Information would need to be gathered as to restrictions, possible grant funding, etc.

PARKS REPORT

- Monthly activities – the report was reviewed and discussed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Vonn Roberts commented on the beauty of Zobel Park and the high use of the disc golf course.

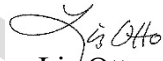
Future Meeting Date: Next meeting date: August 5, 2019 @ 4:15 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: 5 year Parks plan update, boat wash tool board resolution, boat launch terminals update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

Submitted by,



Liz Otto

County Clerk