

# PARKS COMMISSION

May 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 4:30 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  
Vonn Roberts  
Todd Morris  
Michael Shattuck  
Jerry Specht  
Curt Talma (Zoom)  
Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom – 4:37)

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion/second (Roberts/Morris)* to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

## DEPTH OF BOAT LAUNCHES AT DODGE MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK

Discussion held on ongoing issue with launch depth at Dodge Memorial park. Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir stated that he and his staff measured each one when the piers were put in last week.

## DISCUSSION REGARDING COVID FUNDING FOR LAUREE'S TRAIL

Jerry Specht requested consideration of a \$225,000 donation from Green Lake County from the incoming ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for completion of Phase II of Lauree's Trail. Specht cited tourism, health, and community morale as reasons to consider this. County Administrator Cathy Schmit stated that there has been no guidance as of yet on allowable expenses but is expecting more information by mid-May.

## BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

- **DNR Grant – Lauree's Trail**

County Clerk Liz Otto stated that a 50% advance of DNR grant #S-ADLP3-21-1360 has been received for Phase II of the multi use path. This amounts to \$97,500.

*Motion/second (Morris/Specht)* to approve the budget adjustment and forward to Finance and County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly Activities** – Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir provided additional updates to the Commission as well as the written report. Weir stated that cameras have been programmed and will be installed at two county parks to

monitor the garbage situation. He thanked IT for their work on that project. Automatic door locks will be installed as well on the bathrooms at Dodge Memorial park. Discussion held on trash problems within the parks. Weir stated that the pumping service vendor we currently use will not continue doing it due to the trash issue in the holding tanks. Weir also gave an update on the bathroom situation at Zobel Park – new restrooms are expected by May 19, 2021. A new pier was scheduled to be ordered for Sunset Park but that is on hold due to issues with the current vendor. Discussion held.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** June 7, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

**Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** update on boat fees, tour of parks, appearance by Nathan Mirr regarding disc golf at Zobel Park, garbage/restroom problems, Lauree’s Trail funding

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:09 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk