

PARKS COMMISSION

August 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, August 2, 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
Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom-5:43)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Specht/Roberts) to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir read a letter from Shelly Rothom requesting a bike/walking path from Highway 23 to Zobel Park. Chair Boutwell stated that he had talked to her previously and referred her to Green Lake Greenways.
- Stefanie Prellwitz, Green Lake Association, spoke in favor of the boat wash station as a pilot project. She reviewed the request for contributions out of the boat launch proceeds using no tax dollars from residents.
- Kent Delucenay, N4546 Lill Ave., Green Lake, spoke in favor of the boat wash station citing problems in Green Lake and the need to control invasive species.
- Sharon Dolan, GLA board member, spoke in favor of the boat wash station. She outlined how the project will be funded including contributions from the Green Lake Association, Green Lake Sanitary District, and the DNR along with boat launch proceeds.
- Dick Martens, secretary of the GLA, requested that the Commission approve the boat launch project and cited the issues that Madison currently has with 4 out of 5 of their lakes.

TOUR OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARKS

Motion/second (Roberts/Specht) to recess to tour Dodge Memorial Park at 4:45. No business will be transacted until resuming the meeting at approximately 5:30 PM.

RESUME MEETING AT GREEN LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

Motion/second (Roberts/Specht) to resume the meeting at 5:43 PM. All members in attendance.

BOAT LAUNCH FEE USAGE/CURRENT BOAT LAUNCH FEE FUNDS

Chair Boutwell informed the committee of the current boat launch fee status of \$39,774.80 in this year's contributions along with \$237,928.63 in the carryover fund from previous years. Discussion held on fee usage such as boat launches, bathrooms,

parking lots, etc. *Motion/second (Roberts/Shattuck)* to suspend the rules and allow Anna Cisar, formerly of Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Cisar answered questions and discussed the 5 year plan for boat washing stations.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution Approving a Boat Washing Station at Dodge Memorial Park Boat Launch**

Motion/second (Specht/Roberts) to approve the resolution and forward to Property & Insurance and County Board for final approval. Ayes – 5, Nays 2 (Shattuck, Wielgosh)

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Proposed 2022 budget discussed.

MULTI USE PATH AGREEMENT UPDATES

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow explained the current Memo of Understanding (MOU) in place along with proposed amendments. She stated this will be coming before the Parks Commission after the amendments are finalized.

BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – CITY OF GREEN LAKE

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir explained that his department has been mowing the shoulders for the trail in the City of Green Lake 4-5 times per year which takes approximately 7-9 hours total. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow will contact Dan Sondalle, the attorney for the City of Green Lake, to discuss an updated MOU with the City of Green Lake.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

County Clerk Liz Otto stated that the DNR approved an additional 7.5 miles of snowmobile trail so Green Lake County received \$2,250 in additional dollars for maintenance of the 2020-2021 trail season.

Motion/second (Morris/Talma) to approve the budget adjustment and forward to Finance and County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PARKS REPORT

- **Monthly activities** – Discussion held on trash problems. Weir stated there has been improvement on that situation. He will follow up with the Sheriff’s Office on the camera footage he has turned over to them.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: September 20, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk