

Town of Grand Chute  
Park Commission  
Monday, January 11, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joan Haag, Joy Hagen, John Jones, Kathryn Pennings, Karen Petersen, Mike Schmidt, Supervisor Thyssen, Donna Van Buecken

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Arft, Tom Marquardt, Mike Patza, Lisa Mroczkowski, Trish Nau (ECWRPC)

Chairperson Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Motion by Commissioner Haag, seconded by Commissioner Pennings to approve minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting.

Vote on Motion (7/0)

### **APPEARANCES**

Trish Nau

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Stroess property permanent easement for Maple Edge Park

Director Marquardt stated the town has been trying to purchase a 20' piece of land from Mr. Stroess for a trail that would connect the new park with Casaloma Dr. We offered Mr. Stroess \$6,700 to purchase the 20' piece of land. Mr. Stroess countered with an offer of \$13,000 which the town declined. Mr. Stroess stated he is concerned that if he sold the land to the town he would not have access to his building on the south side.

Director Marquardt stated he had a conversation with Randy Moss of Moss and Associates who is the towns land acquisition consultant. Director Marquardt stated Mr. Moss did the appraisal on the property for the town and he suggest a permanent easement be offered to Mr. Stroess instead of buying the land out right. Mr. Moss stated he also suggests the town offer a higher value than the \$6,700 for the easement. His recommendation is to offer Mr. Stroess \$9,000 for a permanent easement. The reason for this is Mr. Ross feels that Mr. Stroess would take this to court if the town proceeded with a condemnation and it would cost the town more than \$9,000 in the end.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if there would be any benefit to offering the \$13,000 to purchase the land?

Director Marquardt stated he feels that Mr. Stroess still would not accept the offer because of his concerns with access.

President Peterson stated she would like to make sure that the easement has language written into it to protect the town from Mr. Stroess building anything over the easement and blocking the trail.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt to recommend approval of an expenditure up to \$9,000 for a 20' permanent easement from Mr. Stroess for the trail connection from Maple Edge Park to Casaloma Dr.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

2. Town Hall Regional Park (Trish Nau, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Mike stated we want a good, well planned out park for our residents. He stated the town thought it would be good to ask for some technical assistance from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to help plan and develop the park so that is why Trish Nau is here.

Trish Nau shared a Power Point presentation on ideas for the new park. She said the town needs to decide what type of park they want. Does the town want a sports field, picnic areas, water features, shelter, exercise area etc? She stated she has put a draft of a survey for residents to fill out. She is asking for input from the commission for survey questions.

Commissioner Hagen asked if there should be some concepts sent with the survey?

Supervisor Thyssen stated we should wait until we get the survey back and then work on possible concepts.

Trish stated she will work with Mike on the survey and will shoot for it to be done by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approve the Parks and Recreation Municipal Code.

Commissioner Hagen asked for language to be added to supply recycling containers at the parks.

Mike Arft stated we had this discussion before. We do provide containers in the kitchen but they are not used. He also stated there is not enough room in the dumpster enclosure for a recycling dumpster.

Commissioner Hagen asked for the language to be changed under section 409.5(D) regarding the hours that is allowed for alcohol consumption. She asked why we stop the consumption at 10 PM when the park is open to 11PM?

The commission stated that this was talked about originally but was left as written because we want to promote the drinking stop before people leave the park after a party.

The commission also discussed section 409-2(E)(M)(N) of the municipal code. There is a bit of confusion as to whether the language should stay in the municipal code under Parks & Recreation.

Motion by Commissioner Van Buecken to direct staff to have the town attorney review the Parks & Recreation Municipal Code and also give his determination on section 409-2(E)(M)(N), seconded by Commissioner Hagen.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

2. Update on Transportation Alternative Program Grant – CTH A Multi Use Trail

Mike stated the preliminary grant application is complete. He stated the trail will cost an estimated \$530,000 and \$60,000 in design fees. He stated the total cost would be \$590,000. The towns share would be 20% of the \$530,000 which is \$105,000. So the total cost to the town would be \$165,000. He stated the resolution will be going to the town board the first meeting in February for the final grant approval.

3. Fat Tire Race

Director Marquardt stated the event is back on. It will be held at Lecker Park on February 14<sup>th</sup> and will be called the Fat Cupid Race.

Motion by Commissioner Haag to grant permission to the Fox Valley Mountain Bike Club to hold the Fat Cupid Race at Lecker Park, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

i. Park Maintenance Report

- Worked on Arrowhead Boardwalk until weather got cold
- Repairing picnic tables

ii. Director's Memo

See Director Memo (Attached)

iii. Greenways Report

Commissioner Hagen stated there will be an open house regarding CTH ZZ on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Thousand Island from 5PM to 6PM.

iv. Town Board Liaison Report

Nothing

v. President's Report

Nothing

vi. Correspondence Report

Nothing

vii. Bike and Pedestrian Trail Update

Nothing

viii. Lecker Park Trails

Nothing

Commissioner Haag motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hagen. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)