

## **Parks, Promotion & Maintenance Committee Minutes – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. at the Highway Department Conference Room by Chairman Scott Jahnke. Members present: Chairman Scott Jahnke, Supervisor Milt Swagel and Supervisor Gary Paape. Supervisor Doell arrived at 6:43 PM

Also present at the meeting: Dave Myers – Promotions & Recreation, Mike Rosinsky – Parks Caretaker, Kris Diegel Parks Caretaker

### Adoption of Agenda/Minutes:

Supervisor Paape made a motion to approve the March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes and April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. This was seconded by Supervisor Guilette. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

### Public Input: None

### Promotions & Recreation Department Annual Report:

Dave provided the committee with the annual report and covered multiple items including revenue increases in multiple categories. Discussion ensued regarding the report and end of season numbers for Winter Park.

### Discuss Bruemmer Park Pheasant Exhibit with Action:

Committee discussed the exhibit and was awaiting an update from the Zoological Society regarding pricing and a possible timeframe for the start of the project. Committee asked Dave to contact the Zoological Society for information to be hopefully presented at the May meeting.

### Discuss Winter Park Tree Removal:

The committee asked if anyone from the Winter Park association had contacted Dave about work to be completed on the ski hill including tree removal. Dave said he hoped to meet with Gary Mueller regarding the completion of the new ski run work in the near future and would update the committee when new information was available. Discussion ensued regarding work that needs to be completed and the committee thanked the parks staff and volunteers for their efforts with Winter Park this season.

### Discuss Red River Park Tree Removal:

Dave discussed work being done at Red River Park to remove numerous dead ash trees.

### Discuss Equipment Purchase with Action:

Discussion ensued regarding a replacement tractor that was rolled over from the previous year as part of the approved budget.

Supervisor Paape made a motion to purchase a Massey Ferguson MF2860E Tractor at a cost of \$37,850. Seconded by Supervisor Guilette. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

### Discuss Fairgrounds Electrical Updates with Action:

The committee was presented with two electrical update projects including adding power to the Van's Bandstand and additional outlets along the exhibit hall for use during the County Fair. The Kewaunee County Fair Board has proposed to pay for these upgrades.

Supervisor Guilette made a motion to allow the upgrades with the Fair Board covering the costs of the improvements. Seconded by Supervisor Swagel. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Park Staffing:

Discussion ensued regarding the current staff levels of the department. Dave brought up the need for an additional full time caretaker to help cover the amount of work the Parks Department has absorbed due to the changes at Winter Park and general amount of labor needed in the Parks system. Covered was that staff is required every day of the year for the Zoo on top of added responsibilities especially at Winter Park and other locations. Dave also covered that extra labor will be needed into the future with the amount of dead/dying Ash Trees at almost all parks locations and the Ahnapee Trail. Dave covered that all of the parks are seeing more use and the added need for additional maintenance.

Parks & Promotions Report:

Dave played a video created by the Tourism Coordinator and informed the committee that more videos were being planned to help promote Kewaunee County – updates would be brought to the next meeting.

Maintenance Report: - Nothing to Report

Set Regular Meeting Date: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Highway Department Conference Room

Unfinished Business or Other Business as Allowed by Law: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Supervisor Paape. Seconded by Supervisor Guilette. All in Favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dave Myers



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### Director's Report May, 2023

#### **ATV Park**

The park will hopefully open this upcoming weekend May 13th. We did get approval for additional grant funding for trail repair, but are awaiting conditions to improve—everything is so saturated and wet to do any work on this project. We will also be meeting with the Baylake ATV Club regarding the beginners course and hope to start that later this season.

#### **Fairgrounds**

Race season has yet to start due to wet track conditions – again waiting for Mother Nature to dry things out a bit. Rural Safety Days will be held next week at the Fairgrounds

#### **Bruemmer Park**

We had to replace the main water lateral supplying the restrooms. The park is fully open and annual water tests have passed. Staff is still working on repairing trails due to flood damage from high water levels this spring.

#### **Ryan Park**

The Kewaunee Youth Soccer Association is preparing for the upcoming season – over 500 kids have signed up for this summer. Fields are still very wet so again waiting for conditions to improve.

#### **Winter Park**

Waiting to hear back from the Association regarding a new agreement and for work to be completed on the ski hill.

## **Ahnapee Trail**

We have begun trail work and seem to cut trees weekly with the amount of ash and popple that are falling over in wind storms.

## **Promotions**

The Tourism Department will continue to work on new videos highlighting Kewaunee County with numerous ones already released on various social media platforms including facebook and youtube.