

## **Parks, Promotion & Maintenance Committee Minutes – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Highway Department Conference Room by Chairman Scott Jahnke. Members present: Chairman Scott Jahnke, Supervisor Nick Guilette, Supervisor Milt Swagel. Supervisor Doug Doell arrived at 6:26 p.m. Excused: Supervisor Gary Paape

Also present at the meeting: Dave Myers – Promotions & Recreation

### Adoption of Agenda/Minutes:

Supervisor Swagel made a motion to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> minutes and November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. This was seconded by Supervisor Guilette. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

### Bruemmer Park Playground & Pheasant Pen Project Update

Dave covered sign designs from the BPIP group (Bruemmer Park Inclusive Playground) to be placed in the park. Also discussed was a fundraiser being planned for that project next May. The committee approved of the signs and are awaiting feedback from the group regarding production and installation.

Dave informed the committee that there were no new updates on the pheasant project at this time.

### Fairground Report:

Dave presented the committee with information regarding amount of rentals and reservations on the grounds and Exhibit Hall for 2023. Discussion ensued regarding the number of reservations.

### Dana Farm & Winter Park Report:

Dave updated the committee on plans for prepping the ice rink this season at Dana Farm.

Dave informed the committee that Barry Nelson indicated to him that the Winter Park Association would not sign the proposed contract provided by County Administration. There was a meeting planned with Administrator Feldt and the group to discuss the agreement, but that was cancelled. Discussion ensued regarding operations of the park for the upcoming season and if the Parks Department could effectively manage the amount of added responsibilities and operations without help from the association. Dave stated to the committee that without the Winter Park Association helping with concessions, ticket sales and ski rentals that his staff at current levels could not absorb the amount of work involved. Dave cited three main concerns regarding operations of entire park: insufficient amount of staff, need for a volunteer group to cover operations inside buildings and removal of trees/brush and stumps on ski hill. Dave covered that only 2 applications have been received for seasonal help at Winter Park and more would be needed to cover the normal amount of work required. Dave told the committee that Barb and Barry stated that they would be willing to help with new volunteers to run the group and he also stated that the park would not be what it is today without the work of the Nelson's and the volunteers of the Winter Park Association. Discussion continued regarding the future of the park and how to proceed for the upcoming season.

Consensus of the Committee was to plan on operating the tube hill only this season and to close the ski hill this season due to lack of staff and lack of a volunteer group to help with concessions/ticket sales. The committee directed Dave to do his best to get the park open for the upcoming season, to keep working on finding more staff and to try and work on recruiting volunteers to help with Winter Park operations.

Parks & Promotions Report: - See Attached Document

Maintenance Report: - nothing to report

Set Regular Meeting Date: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 Doell. Seconded by Supervisor Guilette. All in Favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Myers', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dave Myers