

## **Parks, Promotion & Maintenance Committee Minutes – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Chalet by Chairman Scott Jahnke.

Members present: Chairman Scott Jahnke, Supervisor Milt Swagel, Supervisor Gary Paape and Supervisor Doug Doell.

Excused: Supervisor Guilette

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

### Adoption of Agenda/Minutes:

Supervisor Paape made a motion to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes and October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. This was seconded by Supervisor Swagel. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

### Discuss County Conservation Aid Grant Resolution with Action:

Dave covered a grant application that would help fund trail repairs leading to the fishing pier at Blahnik Park. Estimated project cost is \$2,156 with the grant covering 50% or \$1,078. Work includes adding gravel and culverts to damaged pathways to the pier and some tree removal.

Supervisor Paape made a motion to approve the Grant as presented and to send the resolution to the Board for approval. This was seconded by Supervisor Doell. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

### Discuss Winter Park Projects & Ski Patrol:

The committee discussed the ongoing ski hill work and contract. Dave covered that a meeting is set up with The Winter Park Association and Administrator Dorner regarding the contract. Also covered was that an inspector would be looking at the wire rope on both ski lift. Dave covered maintenance already completed on the T-bar lift this season along with other work on the ski and tube hills. Committee asked for Dave to present updates at the next meeting.

### Discuss Ahnapee Trail Projects & Easements:

Discussion ensued regarding the trail and upcoming projects.

### Discuss Bruemmer Park Pheasant Exhibit Progress:

Dave updated the Committee on exhibit progress, along with types of Pheasants that are planned to be added to the exhibit in the near future.

### Discuss Fairgrounds & Racetrack:

Dave informed the committee that the Kewaunee County Racing Association would not be looking to renew their contract for next season. Discussion ensued which included a request to put out a RFP (Request for Proposal) for potential promoters to fill out and turn in. A deadline of early December was discussed to give potential applicants ample time to turn in an RFP. Dave recommended putting out a press release regarding this along with web and social media links to try and attract more attention.

Supervisor Paape made a motion to prepare an RFP for a new promoter as soon as possible. This was seconded by Supervisor Doell. All in favor motion carried unanimously.

Also discussed was the amount of reservations and issues with scheduling and fees at the Fairgrounds. Dave covered that between January and October that there had been over 317 scheduled meetings and events held at the fairgrounds – including 51 - paid reservations, 125 - County reservations and 134 - 4H reservations and that all reservations (meetings and events) are made through the parks office. Also covered was that the Promotion and Recreation Department also handles reservations for all other County Park properties (Ryan, Red River, Dana Farm, Bruemmer and Winter Park etc...) and that all locations have been seeing increases in use, especially Winter Park with Tube Hill reservations. Discussion ensued with the consensus of the committee being not to adjust the fee schedule or policy regarding paid events at this time due to the number of rentals and the increasing use of the facilities.

Parks & Promotions Report:

Dave covered that new deer are planned to be added to Bruemmer Park later in October. Also covered were new videos produced by Josh Viste – Tourism Coordinator that advertised Bruemmer Park and the Ahnapee Trail.

Maintenance Report:

Nothing to Report

Set Regular Meeting Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Highway Department

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 Doell. All in Favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Myers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dave Myers