

**MINUTES FOR THE
TOWN OF ALGOMA
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
ALGOMA TOWN HALL
15 N. OAKWOOD ROAD, OSHKOSH, WI 54904
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th, 2013 AT 6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Timm at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call.

Kristine Timm
Mark Kainz
Joel Rasmussen

Sue Rehder
Henry Sampson
Dewey Nelson

3. Public Forum.

Henry Sampson, 1982 Timberline Trail - Commented that the Planning Commission is working on rewriting Chapter 18 Land Development Code. Mr. Sampson distributed page 6-21 of the new code which speaks to parkland fees. He wanted to point out that the Parks Committee needs to update the parkland fees for land values for when land is purchased. Sampson feels that \$16,000/acre for land and \$2000/acre for wetlands is too low. The Parks Committee can appoint an appraiser to establish a value. The current values were written awhile ago and directly affect the amount put in of money in the parks coffers. Clerk Nelson pointed out the meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2013 and a draft copy of the proposal will be given to the committee and the Board before the Planning Commission approves it.

4. Status update on Oshkosh Areas Community Foundation.

Everyone received a copy of the contract. Atty. Marone pointed out there are many blanks to fill in on the contract. A real concern of Atty. Marone's is that paragraph five states that the insufficient funds raised to complete the project remain with the foundation. Atty. Marone believes that any money raised should go to the Town and the term "insufficient funds" needs to be defined. Donor's intent also needs to be considered, they donated for the park and not to the Foundation. This clause may deter some residents from donating if they know this clause is in the contract. Atty. Marone also has concerns with a few other items. A meeting will be set up with the Foundation to go over this contract and get some clarification.

5. Status update on the Jones Park Bid package.

At the last Board meeting, the checks were signed and then sent to the DNR for the permits. Sampson asked if parks funds were used to pay for the DNR permits. The answer is yes. Clerk Nelson stated that they came out of the \$290,000 total fund.

Road/Drainage Coordinator Tollard talked about the extension of Addie Parkway. Tollard talked to Pat Rank and found out that Rank was not aware of the extension of the road. Both sewer and water needs to be extended and the road grades need to be established. Timm stated that Rank is putting together the 2013 road paving bid packages. Tollard asked about the haul route and for clarification of his role in coordinating this project. Timm stated that this information is in the bid package and a copy will be forwarded to Tollard.

6. Discussion of Jones Park appropriations in light of Oshkosh Area Community Foundation recommendations.

Atty. Marone thought there should be some discussion between the Parks Committee members regarding how to proceed with Jones Park Project in light of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's recommendation to fundraise prior to the beginning of any construction. Timm stated that there are two schools of thought; One, the Foundation wants 50 to 75% of the funds raised before any work begins. A concern with this approach is that the Parks Committee could receive free dirt from the city for the sledding hill. In order to receive this dirt, the parkland would have to be stripped and prepared. Rasmussen stated that the Parks Committee already has the money for phase one and construction should start. Second, since the committee has the money for phase one, it should make the attempt to move the park forward and then fundraise for it after phase 1 is complete. Nelson stated that if people could see where the money is going, they will want to put their name on it, creating more donations because people will see where their donation is going. Discussion continued that the Foundation made a suggestion in their presentation, but the Parks Committee wants to continue with phase 1. Sampson stated that the Foundation is the only option the committee has right now. It was the consensus of the Parks Committee to continue with phase 1 construction.

7. Continue fundraising discussions.

The Parks Committee is looking for someone to approach area businesses to solicit donations. The Foundation will help with presentation and marketing materials, but they will not attend actual the meetings. There was discussion on the different kinds of acknowledgements people will receive when they donate to the project. There could be plaques for different levels donations and names could be put on these plaques in recognition of who donated. Examples of types of acknowledgements from various places around the area were discussed. There also has to be some type of recognition for those who wish to remain anonymous. The Foundation may be able to give recommendations as to what levels and how to do the recognition. Sampson would like to sit in on the meeting with the Foundation.

There was discussion on how to get the public to buy into the Jones Park idea and get them involved. Timm is hesitant to set up a meeting prior to getting more information from the Foundation. Clerk Nelson will put a Facebook notice in the newsletter for residents to like the Facebook page. There was discussion on how the information table at

the Firemen's Picnic went. Only two people stopped at the table, and another expressed their concern that the park would turn into a dog run. Sampson did talk to a Boy Scout Leader about helping with construction. The leader thought it would be a good idea to come to a meeting and discuss opportunities for the Scouts and the Eagle Scouts. They could plant flowers or build fences. Sheldon Nature Area uses the Boy Scouts for different projects as well.

8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Rasmussen/Nelson. Motion carried in a voice vote, 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte K. Nelson, WCMC
Town Clerk
Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, WI