

Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes  
March 23, 2016  
Owen City Hall

Called to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll call: Denny Lulloff, Lonnie Kroeplin, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Kelly Knight and Rick Nelson.

Also present was Tim Swiggum, CDC, who served as Secretary

**Minutes:** Motion by Knight, second by Kroeplin to approve the minutes from September 9, 2015, passed unanimously.

**Millpond Park:**

Discussion on Pigeons being able to get into the top of the warming hut. The ends of the roof need to be covered.

Horseshoe Pits: A Kroeplin/Knight motion to relocate the horseshoe pits between Dollar General and Master Package on the east end of the lawn leaving room for a walking trail on the south side of the lawn passed unanimously. Swiggum will check with Master Package to see if they would allow electric for lighting.

Discussion topics:

There is a need for electric updates to be made to the concession stand.

Should we install a motion camera on the aerator building to watch the new bridge? We will look into the costs and discuss more in the future.

What path will the trail extension run from the Millpond to Lehn Street follow? The city owns a wooded lot adjacent to the trail and the Wills Gas facility on the corner. This is the preferred path but we need to check to see if it will work.

Concession stand kitchen updates are still approved from last year should Rocky Lehr and the Fair Board find equipment that would replace the outdated equipment.

The metal walkway to the dock needs some support underneath. Denny will discuss this with Erik Stinson.

**Goose Control:** The egg oiling permit has been applied for as in the past in case it is necessary. A USDA program that performs a "round up" of geese was discussed. The costs are to be determined and would be less if another community in Northern Wisconsin should decide to do it as well. The estimated costs are \$3,000 if no other community is involved. We will see if Kerry Ingredients would be interested in sharing the costs should we decide to move forward. A public meeting would need to be held with a representative from the USDA team.

A Nelson/Knight motion to recommend that the council proceed with bringing the USDA to Owen for a public meeting to explain the program and answer questions from the public. Swiggum will schedule the meeting if it is approved by the council. Passed unanimously.

**Crowley Park and Campground:** Discussion was held regarding the reservation and camping forms. Consensus was that we were asking for too much information on our form. Nelson had a

form from Wood County campgrounds with a duplicate that serves as a form to post at the site as a receipt. One of the side spindles is broke on the bridge and should be looked at.

A Kroeplin/Knight motion to recommend to the council to modify the Wood County form to fit our needs and have some printed passed unanimously.

**Orange and Blue Park:** A Knight/Kiviko motion to recommend that the council change the name of the park to **Kerry Park** passed unanimously.

**Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan:** Swiggum presented the Owen portion of the plan to the committee. A Knight/Kroeplin motion to recommend that the council approve the plan as presented passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** A Knight/Kroeplin motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm pass unanimously.

Tim Swiggum, Secretary