

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

### Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

7 pm. at Owen City Hall

Called to order at 7:01 pm. By Chairman Wilczek

Roll call: Bob Wilczek, Rocky Lehr, Joan Jalling, Charlie Milliren, Rick Nelson and Tim Swiggum-CDC. Absent was Lonnie Kroeplin.

Others present: None.

**Minutes from 4/6/2022:** A Milliren/Jalling motion and second to approve the minutes as written passed unanimously.

**Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan:** Everyone had been sent the Owen portion of the Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan final draft. This is our final chance to make changes and once approved the council will need to approve the full County plan. Swiggum presented some minor changes which included: Amenities in Crowley Park should add Shower Facilities, Campfire Rings and Pavilion for gatherings; Millpond Park states that it has volleyball courts, but they have been removed so it should be deleted from the amenities; Crowley Park has 11 campsites and the plan still had it at 10. A Jalling/Swiggum motion and second to submit the final changes as presented passed unanimously.

**Will Maki Foundation Memorial: Millpond Waterway Permit:** Wilczek reported that Chad had talked to the DNR folks at Medford and was redirected to Black River Falls. He explained that we do need to go through a checklist according to them and it will determine whether we need a permit. It is somewhat of a priority as it has been on the backburner for a long time. Hopefully we get a final answer soon.

**Goose Control:** Wilczek reported that Chad and the guys have been oiling eggs, can't get them all though. He believes the rip-rap might help when we get to that as well.

**Mosquito Control:** One of the biggest complaints about the campground, trail and some parts of the Millpond Park is the amount of mosquitos. We have talked about it for a long time but have never had a quote for a environmentally friendly solution. Wilczek said he would contact Stanley and Spencer and see what they use in their parks. He has camped there and mosquitos are never a problem. Other sources mentioned were the Bug Bomber out of Medford, Mosquito Hunter, and True Green. It would likely save money for us to find a suitable spray that could be applied by our public works crew. A Nelson/Jalling motion and second to recommend that the prices be taken to the council directly for approval passed unanimously. He explained the motion is to expedite the process and get something done before Summer is over and while we can benefit from it. No need to bring it back to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Trail Grant:** Wilczek believes that we can work with Withee and the O-W Schools to resurface the trail and look for better light poles and fixtures along the trail from the Meadowview Golf Course to Withee with an access trail to the school. Jalling asked about the Storybook Trail and whatever happened to that project. It was stalled due to issues with our snowplowing, but some new activity might be taking place to save it. It would be a shame to lose it since the funding was there through the county. A Nelson/Lehr motion and second to recommend to the council that an application for a trail grant be submitted with support from the Village of Withee and the O-W School District passed unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items:** Camping Grants, Story Book Trail

**Next Meeting:** TBD.

**Adjourn:** Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 7:46

Submitted by  
Tim Swiggum