

**OCONOMOWOC PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2010**

**unapproved**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Moroni at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, room #3, upper level. Confirmation of appropriate meeting notice was made by JoEllen Stearns.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Members present: Joseph Moroni, Jim Hall, John Merkl, Bruce White, Paul Schmitter, Dave Nold. Quorum present.

Excused: Cathleen Slattery

Staff present: Dennis Bednarski, Mark Frye, Diane Gard, Jenni Froemming, JoEllen Stearns

Guests: Peter Tuftee – Badgerland Water Ski representative

**II. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none**

**III. MINUTES** – D. Nold moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting as printed. Second by P. Schmitter. No opposition. Motion carried.

**IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a. Director's Report.**

J. Froemming reviewed the proposed dates for both the 2010 Badgerland Water Ski Shows on Lac Labelle and also the Moonlit Movies in Fowler Park for 2010. A representative from Badgerland Water Ski shows was present for fielding questions and J. Froemming would be representing the Moonlit Movie, as she is secretary for the group.

D. Gard reviewed with the board members the status in regard to the vacant position of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director. Gard indicated that interviews had gone well, and that a final candidate was being considered. This position is a mayoral appointment and will require Council confirmation. It is hoped that this candidate will be available to be present at the Common Council meeting on February 16.

**b. Parks and Forestry Supervisor's Report.**

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. No further discussion took place.

c. **Recreation Manager's Report.**

A written report was provided in the meeting packet. J. Froemming indicated that the "Winter Family Fun" event had been a success. She estimated approximately 200-300 people participated in the event.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Consider/recommend 2010 Badgerland Water Ski Show dates.**

J. Froemming introduced guest Peter Tuftee from the Badgerland Water Ski club. General discussion took place amongst the board members. J. Froemming indicated that the department was finalizing revisions to the 2010 Conditions Addendum previously in place with the Water Ski club. Clarification was being obtained in regard to the usage of the new ADA railed pier and the club platform that had been used in the past. Staff will also clarify insurance concerns discussed. The Addendum will be finalized with Attorney Chapman, and forwarded to Council for approval along with the proposed show dates. Proof of insurance will also be provided as required.

**A motion was made by J. Merkl to recommend the 2010 Badgerland Water Ski dates. Second by P. Schmitter. None opposed. Motion carried.** Show dates and the revised Addendum will be forwarded to Council for final approval.

b. **Consider/approve Moonlit Movies events for 2010.**

J. Froemming, Moonlit Movies secretary, spoke on behalf of the Moonlit Movies organization. She reviewed the show dates being requested. General discussion took place in regard to the dates. J. Moroni mentioned his concern regarding teenagers traveling and racing through the park at night and also, after the event is completed. Representatives at the event should continue to monitor the traffic to ensure the safety of the participants and residents. J. Froemming indicated that she would share the concern with the Moonlit Movies group.

**A motion as made by J. Hall to approve the Moonlit Movie events for 2010. Second by B. White. None opposed. Motion carried.** No further approvals are required on this motion.

c. **Review 2009 Annual Waterfront Report.** General discussion took place in regard to the activities at the waterfront for the 2009 season. J. Froemming indicated that cold weather contributed to reduced revenues in swimming lessons and ski lessons. Boat rentals, both canoe and kayak, had increased from the previous year.

Clarification will be obtained by staff in regard to the increased 2009 expense listed in both the waterfront professional services and waterfront building and grounds accounts.

D. Nold and J. Hall suggested listing current year budget numbers on the Financial Summary Revenue page. They also felt it would be beneficial to list revenue information for additional years prior to just the previous year.

J. Froemming will revise the 2009 Annual Waterfront Report financial summary page to include the requested 2010 revenue budget information.

B. White commended J. Froemming, Recreation Manager, on the compilation of information within the Waterfront Report. The report serves as a valuable source of reference for the waterfront activities.

**VII. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

P. Schmitter moved to approve the January 2010 vouchers as presented; seconded by J. Hall. No opposition. Motion carried.

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

J. Moroni indicated that there would be a vote from the Common Council next week on putting a advisory referendum together regarding the proposed Community Center, the boat launch reconfiguration, and the city beach expansion on the ballot for the spring municipal election.

**IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THIS BODY**

General discussion took place amongst the board members regarding the possibility of looking at discussing additional options for generating income for the Park and Recreation department in the future. It was suggested that we continue to utilize what we currently have in place to become more profitable, and also to rekindle ideas from years past which may now be appropriate for review and evaluating. In turn, the members would determine and establish future short term and long term goals for the board to consider.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by P. Schmitter to adjourn. Second by D. Nold. No opposition. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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JoEllen Stearns – Recording Secretary