

January 10, 2023

## City of Washburn Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM

Washburn City Hall and Virtual

Members Present:

Jennifer Maziasz (Council Rep), Angel Croll, Jeremy Oswald, Erika Lang, Susan Hall

Municipal Personnel Present:

Tony Janisch, Asst. City Administrator

Absent:

None

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM. Five (5) of five (5) members are present; quorum is recognized.

Introduction of the new Parks Committee member Susan Hall; other members introduce themselves to Hall.

**Discussion and Action on Concept Development Planning for the Lakeshore Parkway & West End Park Campground Expansion** - A synopsis of the campground expansion and the task assigned to the Parks Committee was communicated to Hall. Maziasz presented a draft flier/publication for the public meetings. Edits included: modification of contact information, addition of days of week, exchange “date” header to “public meeting West End Campground Expansion”.

Motion made to open the floor for public comment by Hall; second by Lang. Motion carried.

Roth Edwards, 221 W 6th Street, disagrees with Park Committee interpretation of the task assigned by the City Council; that it did not specifically campground expansion. He encouraged that the design be dictated by the public including the option to not build more camping. He understands that the Council’s goal is revenue. He believes a public hearing, rather than a public input meeting, should be held. Maziasz clarified what Council tasked the Park Committee; Janisch read aloud. A point was made regarding the intent of Council in relationship to the vague wording. Motion made to close the floor by Oswald, second by Maziasz; Motion carried unanimously.

Committee then discussed the goal to increase city revenue through expanded camping. General thoughts regarding design concepts: “group” camping is being eliminated by the development of overflow area; need to create a table of pros and cons by type of unit (tent, yurt, cabin, group, etc); yurts must be by reservation. Proximity of sites to each other and to bath house and walking trail. Maziasz shared photos of different types of improved campsites including: group layout, yurt, large canvas tent, cabin, individual tent.

Committee moved to large scale aerial print of the open field and adjacent spaces. Concept plans from the 2015 plan were reviewed noting location and type of campsites, and roadway for access. Topics were varied. Lang inquired about creating shared public space within the camping

as a reflection of public comments. Of concern was access/trail to the bath house due to the ravine west of open field- either requiring walking on/next to Holman Lakeview Dr. or a bridge over the ravine. Access from camp area to walking trail. Discussion of maintaining a viewscape by choosing a less obtrusive design through placing structures at edge of field, and plantings between sites for privacy. Discussion included what to be place in middle of field.

Tasks for the next meeting (1/17/23) and public meetings (2/2, 2/7) include:

- Create chart of camping types including cost (initial, maintenance), life expectancy, potential revenue, payback time, etc.
- Create PowerPoint for public meetings
- Create Agenda for public meetings
- Acquire materials to map design concepts at next Park Committee meeting and public meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Angel Croll  
Secretary, Parks Committee