



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House 1520 17th
Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Present Board Members: Jason Scharping, Daniel Cortte, Travis Kadow, Kathy Peterson, Robert Reed Jr., Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski Council Rep.

Excused Board Members: Brian Gallagher, Justin Klinkner, Chase Mathias, Jeff Dahlke-Council Rep.

Also Present: Mike Mathis- Parks and Recreation Director, Megan Marsh- Parks and Recreation Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2023

Daniel Cortte Established Motion to Approve

Travis Kadow 2nd the Motion

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Neshotah Park Master Plan – Public Open House

Open House Results:

What improvements do you want to see in Neshotah Beach/Park? (Money Voting Station)

1. Additional handicap accessible pathways connecting neighborhoods. \$17
2. Additional picnic shelters of various sizes. \$26
3. Additional or larger restroom and locker room facilities. \$14
4. Concession stands with more food offerings. \$7
5. Artificial turf multi-sport field (soccer, flag football, volleyball, many other activities). \$5
6. Bocce ball courts. \$55
7. Nature-based playground structures. \$5
8. Obstacle course and fitness style playground structures. \$5
9. Kayak and/or stand-up paddle board rentals. \$11
10. Mobile climbing wall. \$2

11. New garden style concession stands seating area. \$16
12. Pickleball courts. \$9
13. Public art displays. \$14
14. Updated sand volleyball courts. \$10
15. Updated tennis courts. \$5

Do you think the following need improvement in Neshotah Beach/Park? (Green Ticket- YES, Yellow Ticket- MAYBE, Red Ticket- NO.)

1. Improve park cleanliness due to trash. G-4 Y-1 R-1
2. Improve restroom cleanliness and capacity. G-9 Y-2 R-0
3. Replace outdated playground. G-3 Y-2 R-6
4. Improve park security and safety. G-9 Y-1 R-2
5. Improve accessibility for people of all abilities. G-6 Y-1 R-1
6. Improve recreation and sports facilities/fields. G-5 Y-2 R-1
7. Improve the quality of the natural habitats. G-12 Y-0 R-0
8. Improve the quality and quantity of pathways. G-8 Y-1 R-0
9. Improve summer parking experience. G-6 Y-2 R-4

How do you feel about the vehicular parking areas at the park and beach? (Yes or No Sticky Dot)

1. Better pathways to access existing parking is needed. Y-1 N-10
2. Finding parking is difficult during the summer. Y-3 N-10 Middle Line-1
3. I do not access the park via vehicle. I walk or bike to the park. Y-7 N-6
4. It is difficult to find parking during specific events.
5. It is difficult to get in and out of parking areas. Y-3 N-10
6. More parking is needed in the park. Y-3 N-10
7. It is hard to navigate the parking areas as a pedestrian using the park. Y-3 N-9
8. My parking needs are satisfied most of the time. Y-13 N-0

Describe Neshotah Beach/Park in 3 positive words.

- ☐ Beautiful the way it is.
- ☐ Community, Picturesque All Year, Accessible
- ☐ Beautiful, Naturally, Jewel.
- ☐ Natural, Peaceful.
- ☐ Unique outlook to Lake Michigan from 5 miles out from the shoreline.
- ☐ Welcoming, Scenic, Great.
- ☐ Love the nature, good for picnics, fun kids' area.
- ☐ Beautiful, Exciting, Adventurous.
- ☐ Natural, Beautiful, Relaxing.
- ☐ Natural, Beautiful, Appreciated.
- ☐ Beautiful, Natural Setting.
- ☐ Beach is Amazing.

If you have children who use the park, what are their ages? (Place Sticky Dot on Answer)

1. No Children= 6
2. 0-3= 3
3. 4-6= 4
4. 7-10= 6
5. 11-15= 2
6. 16-18= 1
7. 18+= 1

How many times do you visit the park annually? (Place Sticky Dot on Answer)

1. 0-3= 0
2. 4-10= 1
3. 11-20= 1

4. 20-49= 3
5. 50-100= 10
6. 365= 6

What is your age?

1. 17 or younger= 0
2. 18-24= 2
3. 25-39= 1
4. 40-54= 1
5. 55-69= 9
6. 70+= 7

Are you a resident of Two Rivers? (Place Sticky Dot on Answer)

- ☐ Yes- 16
- ☐ No- 2

What do we need to do now to ensure that future generations can also enjoy Neshotah Park and Beach? (Sticky Note)

- ☐ Stop disposing the snow from the windrows at the beach!
- ☐ Plant native plants like pussywillows and trees at intervals so there will always be greenery.
- ☐ Quit dumping snow from streets in lots on beach. When meets the filth goes in the beach- black liquid- shows on beach.
- ☐ Pay park personnel more.
- ☐ Enforce dog rules!
- ☐ Make preserving the natural beauty/nature a priority.
- ☐ More lights in parking lot- handicap trail to playground equipment.
- ☐ Preserve open space for softball, frisbee, soccer, etc.
- ☐ Handicap accessible is for all age groups sitting areas.
- ☐ Preservation of native vegetation and upkeep of trees and native grass.
- ☐ Retaining baseball diamond for people returning back to Two Rivers. Like retirees, grandparents, grand uncles, and aunts.
- ☐ Continue beach grooming.
- ☐ Clean up under brush in the wooded area. Add more native plants. Stop cutting grass when grass is dormant from lack of rain.
- ☐ Neshotah is a jewel, green space, keep as is! Beach, more effort to limit wind/sand erosion.
- ☐ Make sure someone is always taking care of the facilities.
- ☐ Have activities for all ages to come enjoy now and in the future.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities - Western Portion (Sticky Note)

- ☐ Strengths:
 - o Natural.
 - o Natural areas, hike through woods.
 - o Small ball diamond.
 - o Greening, old unique trees.
 - o Natural!
 - o Open Spaces
 - o Natural open spaces.
 - o Public access part.
 - o Variety.
 - o Natural area.
 - o Open space. Wildlife birds.
 - o Natural open space, beautiful trees.
 - o Open space.
- ☐ Weaknesses:
 - o Only one main pathway leading thru.

- o We use the beach parking lots to dispose of contaminated snow.
- o Only one main access road.
- o Restrooms.
- o Fear of mugging at night.
- o Some people are afraid of dogs that are down by the beach when they shouldn't be! Got rules- enforce them!
- o The overgrowth has not been cleared in the wooded areas.
- Opportunities:
 - o Clean up "Rock City".
 - o The ability to view the beach from the park.
 - o If we lose the baseball diamond, we lose opportunities!
 - o Pathways and signage directing people.
 - o Pierce St too narrow.
 - o Clear dead trees and replace with native species.
 - o Move quanset hut.
 - o Restrooms.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities – Eastern Portion (Sticky Note)

- Strengths:
 - o View unobstructed beach.
 - o Open green space.
 - o Open space for misc. play.
 - o Relaxing, nature, beautiful trees.
- Weaknesses:
 - o If we lose the baseball diamond.
 - o More to maintenance.
 - o Beach parking lot exits. Difficult to back out of parking lot if full.
- Opportunities:
 - o Enter/ exits one way through parking lots.
 - o More activities for all ages.
 - o Lighting and signage to move around in park.
 - o Make an area for food truck vendors and food festivals- seafood.
 - o Food truck program.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

10. NEXT MEETING

April 11, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT

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