



WPRA Region 2 Meeting
Thursday Sept. 16th, 2021 • 9:30am Refreshments 10am Presentation by
BCI Burke
City of Oshkosh Seniors Center- 200 N. Campbell Rd, Oshkosh, WI

AGENDA

1. **Presentation by Sarah J. Lisiecki from BCI Burke: Inclusion .1 CEU- 10am**
2. **Call to Order – NEWPRO meeting started at 11:15am**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Host Presentation – Ray Maurer, City of Oshkosh Parks Director**
5. **Approve Region Minutes – Thursday April 15th, 2021 via zoom**
 - **Approved by Terri Vosters and seconded by Chad Dallman**
6. **Region Financial Report- Working on budget for 2022 for region meetings**
7. **Region Business- Ideas for 2022 meetings? Host sites for 2022.**
 - **Lots of great ideas such as; Brown county facility tour, Timber Rattles/Green Bay Booya Game/Dock Spiders game, broom ball, curling club, Champion Center in Grand Chute, Ax Throwing, horse and carriage ride.**
 - **Decided to meet March, May, September and November of 2022**
8. **Reports**
 - a. **Section Reports**
 - i. **Aquatic- Report given by Kabel Helmbrecht. Reported that the State of Wisconsin pool code, ATCP76 is being cleaned up. Had a round table on September 8th and was hoping that more people would show up. Next meeting is Sept. 21st, 2021. Dog swims will now be park of the updated code, you will no longer have to apply for a variance.**
 - **Curt Hall requested a database could be put together that would separate out maintenance staff so that if they wanted to send out a question it could be directed to those that do that maintenance work.**
 - ii. **Park- Vicky Redlin was not present for report and will be retiring in September. It will be determined who will take her place. Steph Schlag reported that the Fall park tour will be held on Oct. 7th and 8th in Wausau.**
 - iii. **Recreation- Adrienne Lacy reported that the group met in July to finalize speakers for conference. Not much else to report because they will be meeting the week of Sept.20th, 2021.**
 - iv. **Young Professionals- Not present and no report given**
 - b. **WPRA Report**
 - i. **Summary of key actions taken at Board meetings**

- **New Region I Representative:** Sara Hudson, City of Ashland Parks and Recreation
- **Logo Use Policy:** Members will be able to use the WPRa logo and download the logo from the member only area of the website. All members must follow the policy and brand guidelines to use the logo.
- **Region Representative Responsibilities and Agenda Template:** WPRa has updated the Region Representative responsibilities to clearly state their role. There is now a standardized agenda template for all regions.
- **Committee Chair and Member Responsibilities, Work Plan and Manual Template:** WPRa will hold meetings to review the new work plan document and manual template with Committee Chairs.
- **2023 Conference Committee Chair:** Megan James, Mount Horeb. If anyone is interested in being apart of the 2023 committee email the [WPRa Office](#).
- **CPSI Course:** WPRa will be holding a virtual CPSI training this year. More information will be coming soon.
- **Open Leadership Positions:** WPRa is currently looking for a Communications Committee Chair and Public Policy Committee Region IV Representative.
- **Member New & Highlights:** WPRa members are encouraged to send news to the WPRa Office and tag WPRa in social media posts (i.e. ribbon cuttings, new developments, press releases). WPRa will share on social media and PRMonthly, if appropriate.
- **Sept. 17th:** [Foundation Golf Outing](#)
- **Sept. 30th:** Draft Budgets and Calendar Due
- **Oct. 1st:** [Awards Submission Due](#)
- **Oct. 7th - 8th:** [Fall Workshop](#)

ii. **Upcoming event and deadline reminders:**

1. **Membership Dues**
2. **Nominations**
3. **Awards- Award Submissions due on Oct. 1st, 2021**
4. **IMPACT Magazine & PRMonthly** – Reminded members to submit articles from their communities to the above publications. Also, reminded members to use WPRa connect.
5. **Any Upcoming Events**

September 17th- Foundation Golf Outing, Oshkosh
 October 7th-8th, 2021- Fall Workshop in Wausau
 Leadership Academy- December 1st-3rd, 2021 Oshkosh Best Western
 February 21-24th, 2021 Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

iii. **WPRa Committee/Subcommittee Updates**

iv. **WPRa Foundation Updates**

- c. **Public Policy Update-** There will be a public policy meeting on Sept. 16th at 4pm. Chad Dallman talked about Hamilton Consulting who is our lobbyist at the State level. They have been extremely helpful, and for the 1st time our input really matters, and is being heard. It was especially helpful during the COVID pandemic.



d. NRPA Update & National News

- NRPA annual conference is Sept. 21st-23rd, 2021 in Nashville, TN Hybrid conference
- Virtual CPSI courses being offered throughout the fall months
- Virtual AFO courses being offered throughout the fall months
- Webinars

9. Open Discussion Forum

- **What do other communities do for background checks for coaches and volunteers?**
 - Most communities do back ground checks for repeat volunteers but do not do checks for one-time events.
- **For those who use Food trucks at events do you have them sign a contract? Pay in advance? What if they do not show up-do you refund?**
 - No one really uses food trucks at this time, or if they do they let the food trucks vend for no cost.

10. Adjourned at 12:30pm- Chad Dallman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steph Schlag 2nd it.

Respectfully submitted by: Jen McCollian on 9/21/21