

Park Section Minutes – July 24th, 2008

1. Call to Order – George called to order at 4:03 pm
2. Roll Call – George, Dave, Tim, Matt, Cindy, Kathy, Bob, Duane, Ray
Others: Joe McLaugherty, Steve Thompson, Sue Black
Excused: Steve, Jeff,
Unexcused: Chad Brown (Just kidding)
3. Minutes – Reviewed from May 20th. Motion to accept – Bob. Second – Duane.
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Host Report – No Report from Cindy, figured the tour would suffice.
5. Chair Report -
Progress coming along on Summer Park Tour for Door County
Dates will be July 22,23,24
Promotion materials including dates and costs will be given to WPRA by
Fall conference.
6. Chair Elect Report –
2009 Park Section Budget submitted to WPRA – There will be increases
for postage and mileage for travel.
Committee had reviewed at May meeting.
Some changes in category names will be made, but amounts will stay the
same.
Motion to approve the budget by Kathy. 2nd by Bob. Motion passed
unanimously.
Cindy suggested again that we look at centralizing meetings in the state
for 2009. Traveling time and gas costs biggest concerns. WI Dells,
Wausau and Stevens Point were mentioned as possible locations.
Cindy also suggested changing the day of the week that meetings are held
and discussion ensued about number of meetings a year – Cindy will send
an email for comments.
7. Past Chair Report –
Bob is working on classes for 2009 spring conference.
Suggestions for possible classes include:
 1. Energy management
 2. Developing parks on landfill sites
 3. Disaster management – speaker from FEMA?
 4. Techniques on keeping beaches clean

The park section nomination sheet is printed and was handed out- is on
website as well.

Positions up for 2009 are Sec./Treas, Chair Elect, Region 1 and 2 Reps., State Parks subsection, Urban Forester, At Large Rep., Zoo Committee Subsection (May be eliminated from board).

Any recommendations to fill the Urban Forester position need to be brought to Joe McLaugherty and he will appoint a person as soon as possible.

Motion to use money from fall conference budget to pay membership for Urban Forester if not already a member, for one year, was made by Kathy and seconded by Cindy. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Secretary/Treasurer Report – No Report
9. Region 1 Report – No Report
10. Region 2 Report – No Report
11. Region 3 Report – No Report
12. Region 4 Report – No Report

13. Rep. At Large Report – Duane

Mount Horeb skate park to have grand opening on August 6th.
Duane has been in contact with the League of Municipalities to discuss the Stewardship Program and the Right to Hunt on any Stewardship Land – there have been many questions about this, so Duane wants to put together a fact sheet for DNR and WPRA review.

14. Rep. At Large Report – Ray – No Report
15. State Parks Report – A new State Parks Director was hired right after Memorial Day- his name is Dan Schuler.
16. Forestry Report – No Report
17. Conferenct Committee Report – Fall Conference Catalogs have been distributed.
18. WPRA Report – Steve Thompson handed out a sheet on information regarding each agency's Legislative Key Contact person.

Steve complimented George in his role as Chair
Joe McLaugherty is putting together a task force to research alternative ways to create revenues for WPRA – Bob R. volunteered to represent the park section.

19. Unfinished Business

- a. Park section board manual is being worked on – a rough draft will be given to George in August and will be reviewed by our board at the Sept. 16th meeting.
- b. Park design awards info. Sheet is being distributed and promoted by Ray Mauer; it's on the WPRA website as well.
- c. WPRA Budget has been approved for 2009

20. New Business

- a. Discussion occurred in regards to changing the name “Park Section” to something else that is more inclusive of areas served. George would like board to think about it and we will discuss again later.
- b. City of Manitowoc offered to do 2011 Summer Park Tour. Motion made by George to have them host and seconded by Bob R. Motion passed.
- c. Discussion occurred on making sure that Summer Park Tours include sites for all three sections – Parks, Recreation and Aquatics.
- d. Matt suggested that Summer Park Tour hosts separate programs on Fridays for Parks and for Recreation/Aquatics.

21. Adjournment – Motion made by Ray M. to adjourn at 5:00pm and seconded by Matt A. Motion passed unanimously.