

**VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
PARKS & BEACHES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2010
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kellen Stumbris called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Committee members John Ranallo and Julie Parkansky were present. Also in attendance were Village President Jeff Townsend, Clerk Toshia Ranallo, Town of Wausaukee’s Chairman Jeff Engleman, Marinette County’s Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott and Marinette County’s Fair Board Representative Jessica VanDeWalle.
2. Approval of Agenda – Julie Parkansky made a motion seconded by John Ranallo to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Discussion – Possibility of acquiring Ballas Park. John Scott, Marinette County Forest Administrator will be present.

John Scott stated that Marinette County Board’s main concerns are the Park’s insurance policies.

Mr. Scott read aloud some questions he had and the responses he received from the Lions Club International Liability Insurance.

The Lions Club of Wausaukee currently has a use for a softball/little league facility from Marinette County for the purpose of sponsoring both softball leagues and little league. The facility includes bathrooms and a concession stand. The events are run by a separate organization, the Wausaukee Baseball Association. Marinette County requires liability insurance as part of the permit agreement. They have accepted the Lions Club Liability Policy as covering the county in case any issues arise. As I read the policy, participants in the athletic events (baseball/softball) are not covered. The softball association also sells beer during their events. They have also requested to be allowed to install playground equipment as part of this community facility. My questions are:

1. *What, if any is the coverage extended to participants in baseball/softball?*
Medical payments coverage under the Lions Club International Liability Insurance program does not apply to participate in athletic events. Sponsored athletic organizations should also carry Sports Accident insurance to cover medical expenses for participants who might be injured in the activities.
2. *What, if any, is the coverage extended to spectators?*
Coverage under the Lions Club International Liability Insurance pays sums that the insured, including Lions Clubs and Districts and individual members and volunteer workers, becomes legally obligated to pay as damages to third parties because of Bodily Injury or Property Damage caused by an occurrence arising out of or in the course of Lions functions or activities.

3. *Does the Softball Association need to have a separate alcohol liability policy?*
Yes. The Softball Association should also name the Lions Club of Wausaukee, WI and Marinette County as additional insured's under this coverage.
4. *Would playground equipment be covered if it met all safety standards?*
The playground equipment would not be covered.
5. *How much exposure do the Wausaukee Lions have under the current arrangement?*
We recommend that your club's legal counsel review and make recommendations regarding the current agreement(s)/contracts(s) in place between the Lions Club of Wausaukee, WI, Marinette County and the Wausaukee Softball Association.
6. *How much exposure does Marinette County have under the current arrangement?*
See #5 above.

The Wausaukee Baseball Association should carry its own liability coverage and should name the Lions Club of Wausaukee, WI & Marinette County as additional insured's.

Scott stated that there was an assumption that the Wausaukee Baseball Association would fall under the Lions Club insurance but that is not the case. He said if the Village took it over as a recreational area then it would be covered by the village insurance, but whoever is selling the beer would also need a separate liquor liability policy. Scott also stated that if Marinette County agrees to deed it over to the Village and Town there would be a statement in the agreement that if for any reason it ceases its recreational activities, the land would then transfer back to the County.

Town Chairman Jeff Engelman, President Townsend, and Chairman Kellen Stumbris agreed that the Town and Village need to sit down and possibly create a committee and come up with ideas for the area. Ideas that were mentioned were a swimming pool and playground area.

Scott pointed out that it is not a done deal as far as agreed upon by all County Board members. Although, he stated that he is in favor of it. He stated that there are a few County Board Members concerned as well as members of the Marinette County Fair Board regarding access to utilities, parking and camping areas.

It was mentioned that a goal for the smaller field would be to turn it into a larger field. Scott stated that if home plate was moved back 20 feet south it would give 260 feet and keep the line inside the parcel. There is also electrical service behind centerfield that would not have to be touched.

John Scott stated that the next step is to discuss it at the March Marinette County Forest & Park Committee meeting and once approved present it to the Marinette County Board on the last Tuesday of the month. If approved, meet and bounds descriptions will be prepared and then creation of the deed.

4. Adjourn – Julie Parkansky made a motion seconded by John Ranallo to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion carried.

Posted on (February 22, 2009)
At (3:00 PM) by (TR)