



Region 2 (NEWPRO) Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

HOSTED BY:

Ashwaubenon Parks, Recreation & Forestry
Ashwaubenon Community Center
900 Anderson Drive
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

9:30am Networking & Refreshments

10:00am Meeting

In Attendance:

Matt Hendricks-Shawano
Trish Nau-ECWRPC
Amanda Geiser-Fox Crossing
Tony Nowak-Greenville
Jess Terrien-DNR
Michael Kading-Neenah
Jim Kluge-Neenah
Steph Schott-Neenah
Marty Kosobucki-De Pere
Lindsay Hansen-Calumet County

Mike Arft-Grand Chute
Trevor Prusinski-Grand Cute
Jeff Malloy-Kaukuana
Emma Aumiller-Two Rivers
Ann Moeller-Green Bay
Steph Schlag-Ledgeview
Matthew Hahn-Allouez
David Roehrig-Ashwaubenon
Melody Escoto-Ashwaubenon

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome-Melody, Ashwaubenon
- b. Introductions
- c. Host Report
- d. Presentation: Jess Terrien, Financial Assistance Specialist, WI DNR: Grant Opportunities, Changes, and New Happenings

2. Reports

- a. Park Section: Vicky Redlin-Next meeting 10/25, moderator packets sent out
- b. Recreation Section: Adrienne Lacy-no big updates, further discussion about playground workshops
- c. Aquatics Section: Melody Escoto-meeting last week, planned raffle basket, follow up on conference
- d. YPN Section: Adam Breest-concern about involvement w/ members and call in meetings. Need more involvement or other groups will take their seat at the table
- e. WPR: Steph Schlag
 - i. 2020 Meeting Schedule—CEU opportunities and frequency of Region 2 meetings,
Motion by Marty Kosobucki, seconded by Trish Nau, to move Region 2 meetings to quarterly frequency beginning in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.
WPR working on bylaw changes voting will take place at conference. Need more involvement at annual meeting as there was not even enough for a quorum that showed up last year.
Website being revamped.
- f. Conference Updates-Kristine Butteris is working on raffle basket for Region 2 for conference.
- g. Other (Membership, Awards, nominations, etc.): -congrats to those elected in region 2

3. Discussion

- a. **Administration/General:**
 - i. **Non-resident fees for user groups:** Do you subsidize youth athletic groups in your community?
 1. Are they tax exempt?

-Ashwaubenon co-sponsored groups are tax exempt. Private organizations are not.

2. Do you require the youth groups pay a non-resident fee to the city for all registered participants that live outside the municipal limits?

-Ashwaubenon groups charge a non-resident fee at registration but do not pay that amount to the village.

-Green Bay does not charge for non-resident

3. Are you charging a fee to the user groups?

-Allouez lays out dollar amounts to be paid back, work w/ groups on agreements based on what they do vs what is provided.

-Ashwaubenon does not charge co-sponsored groups for facility/field use.

Outside groups (select teams) do pay.

-Greenville there is no money exchange, rural area so they do not charge.

4. Are you treating tax exempt/recreational based organizations the same as other groups? (ie. Recreational soccer group vs. Select soccer group)

-Green Bay groups must meet all criteria to not pay, if they do not then they are required to pay.

- ii. **Food trucks.** Who used them? How did they work out (good/bad)? Did they follow your policies/contract? If not, how did you handle it?

-De Pere food trucks were difficult to work with and often try to control the event, need a lot of managing of them during event. If you try to go the route of getting a percentage of the sales good luck. Little to no accounting for sales or ways to verify and have to hope they are being honest. Very difficult to get contracts and payment in a timely matter.

-Ashwaubenon they are a unique set of people and will try to push on what they can and cannot sell. Want to have them pay per event in advance or they will bail for a better gig. They will wait until well past deadlines to pay and turn in the contracts.

-Green Bay is trying to redefine the food truck city ordinances and where they are allowed.

b. Parks:

- i. Who have you used for **consulting services and project administration**? Recommendations for and against?

-Ashland has used Rettler and they are great w/ concept design. Strand has been great with staying on top of construction. AIR was great for a splash pad.

-De Pere Cedar Corp was great to work with

-Greenville has used Rettler and Cedar and they were both great to work with.

-Ledgeview has been using just 1 service and are interested in what others are doing.

- ii. **Greenspace/Parkland Encroachment Issues:** how do you address and rectify? How do you demarcate/identify greenspace, conservancy, parkland?

-Encroachment issues, owners thinking it belongs to them. Hard to monitor but sometimes you have to send out nastygrams to residents. Just making sure the residents know that when it is time to sell it needs be moved.

-De Pere uses GIS property lines to show landowners and pound property line stakes. Owners cannot fight or argue GIS property lines.

c. Holiday Lights:

- i. Who has parks that charge to see lighted Christmas area?

-La Crosse Rotary Lights, West Bend (Regner Park) Enchantment in the Park, Oshkosh, Marshfield, Menominee, East Peoria.

4. Adjourn-11:30am

NEWPRO Meeting Schedule for 2019:

November: Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Dells

December 19: Neenah