

Minutes of Recreational Work Group Meeting

4-18-11 6:00 PM

Present: Tom Ferrier, Bruce Schaal, Ray Arbet, Jon Rudie, Annie Jones

Absent: John Trione, Val Lass

Guest: Brett Landry

Introduction and welcome to Brett Landry. Brett is actively involved in a variety of non-traditional water-sports (including wind-surfing and paddle-boarding) and is member of UW-Parkside's Environmental Club. He agreed to assist with the development/design of any features that may be necessary to accommodate non-traditional water-sports - noting that Lake Andrea had once been a great venue for these activities, but no longer is. He also indicated that typical wind patterns and their relationships to shore topography is critical. His contact info is 4brett@live.com.

Ray presented an overview of park-land history and the work being done to facilitate a limited opening of the Park this summer. Also reviewed park-land development activities to date and the previously defined list of potential recreational activities for the Park.

Reviewed the list to determine if there should be any adds or subtracts. Briefly discussed the concept of accommodating equestrian type activities – but consensus was that these would not be compatible with the Park's Mission and that the State Park at Bong accommodates such activities.

Annie spoke briefly of her sustainable Sweden Tour and how some "simulator" type equipment was available for people to learn a new sport – wondered if something could be constructed (land-based) that would permit kids (or adults) to mimic wind-surfing.

Also briefly discussed the possibility of mountain biking in the Park – the general consensus was that this type of activity would be incompatible with the Park's Mission. There was recognition that other Parks (Silver Lake) may be better suited to accommodate this locally popular sport (that has very limited, legal local venues). It was noted that there is significant damage done to Petrifying Springs Park from illegal mountain biking.

Ray informed the Work Group that a Master Planning Consultant would soon be selected and that they would probably be meeting with the Work Group sometime this summer.

Additional discussion regarding the lake addressed the topics of: possibly having a 4-H/Youth Fishing Derby this summer as part of the Park's introduction and the necessity of including a boat-ramp (not open to the public) to accommodate EMS/rescue equipment.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:15 PM.