

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECREATION FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Sheboygan County Administration Building
508 New York Avenue, Room 302
Sheboygan, WI 53081

June 5, 2023

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 6:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vernon Koch, County Board Chairman; Aaron Brault, Planning and Conservation Department; Henry Nelson Property Committee Chairperson; Phil Mersberger County Conservation Association designee; Aaron Bucholz Wisconsin DNR; Michael Holden Northern Kettle Moraine Snowmobile Association (remote); Dave Derus, Michael Heidt, Dale Katsma, Lil Pipping; Members-at-large.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tyler Betry; Melissa Curran, Sarah Majerus, John Donovan, Isabel Mueller, Ryan Stubbs, Michelle Birschbach

Aaron Brault called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Brault reported the meeting notice had been posted May 31, 2023 at 8:30 AM, and the meeting was in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Brault welcomed the group and conducted introductions around the room.

Approval of the June 20, 2022 meeting minutes – Ms. Pipping motioned and Mr. Nelson seconded to approve the June 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Consideration of 2022 Stewardship Applications – Mr. Betry provided an overview of the proposed projects and provided staff's recommendations for consideration. Mr. Brault then took the recommendations of the committee for each project. Mr. Nelson motioned and Mr. Heidt seconded to recommend \$19,865 be awarded to the Sheboygan County Cycling group. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Pipping motioned and Mr. Katsma seconded to award \$8,500 to the Milwaukee Riverkeeper group. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Pipping motioned and Mr. Heidt seconded to award \$19,240.80 to Bookworm Gardens. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nelson motioned and Mr. Derus seconded to award \$4,790.80 to Glacial Lakes Conservancy. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Pipping motioned and Mr. Derus seconded to award \$6,740.80 to the Cheese Capital Winter Park group. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mersberger motioned and Ms. Pipping seconded to award the Elkhart Lake Improvement Association \$10,140.80. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bucholz motioned and Mr. Holden seconded to award the Sheboygan River Basin Partnership \$2,130.80. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Katsma abstaining. All motions and award recommendations were contingent on the applicants obtaining the required 50% match for their projects. Total award recommendations are \$71,409.

Update on Marsh Dam Project – Mr. Brault provided an update.

Other County Recreational Properties Update – Mr. Brault discussed the Amsterdam Dunes stream restoration project and mitigation bank, and the recent burn at Gerber Lake. He also noted a meeting will be scheduled in fall to discuss the 2024 application.

Set Next Meeting Date – To be determined, fall 2023.

Adjourn – Mr. Heidt motioned and Mr. Katsma seconded to adjourn. Adjournment at 6:45 PM.

Aaron Brault
Recording Secretary