

RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

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Submitted by

October 28, 2010
Date Drafted



AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH THE CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM SUPPLIES

1. WHEREAS, the Captain Planet Foundation has a community grant program designed to
2. promote the understanding of environmental issues, focusing on hands-on involvement with
3. children; and,
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5. WHEREAS, the County owns and manages parkland for Rock County residents to recreate
6. close to home; and,
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8. WHEREAS, the Parks Division desires to reach out to the community and area school districts
9. to provide outdoor recreational experiences while promoting the Rock County Park System.
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11. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
12. assembled this 18 day of Nov., 2010 does hereby authorize the Parks Director to act on
13. behalf of Rock County to submit a grant application to the Captain Planet Foundation for \$735
14. for equipment to build a challenge course.
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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurtis L. Yankee
Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Betty Jo Bussie
Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Absent
Eva Arnold

David Diestler
David Diestler

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Brent Fox

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson
Craig Knutson
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget

Jeffrey A. Smith
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Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

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Corporation Counsel

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- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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Rock County Parks are truly a wonderful place for residents to recreate while staying close to home. Until this summer, the Parks Department did not lead outreach activities for residents. Joleen Stinson was hired as the new Community Coordinator with the hope she would grow educational and recreational opportunities for residents of Rock County to help promote the park system. She implemented several summer youth programs, including stream exploration and the Landscape of Magnolia Bluff. The National Recreation and Park Association Take Me Fishing grant awarded earlier this year enabled us to reach school groups for fishing and boating safety education programs. So far this fall, we have taught over 500 school children how to fish.

Although the programs are a benefit to the community and the Parks Department, budgets are tight and in order to grow programming opportunities, grant funding is necessary to purchase supplies and equipment.

If the grant request of \$735 is awarded, we will purchase equipment to build a simple challenge course in one of our parks. A challenge course is a low-ropes teambuilding tool. Pieces include caterpillar skis, a rope swing, all-a-board platform, and a large web. Participants will learn the definition of initiative and the four skills that are needed to work as a team: cooperation, communication, trust, and creative thinking. The grant also includes money to train staff members on how to properly lead these activities, especially related to safety. This is entirely a low ropes course, so liability issues are minimal and the challenge course elements will be movable, so they can be transported to storage areas (perhaps the former Boys and Girls Club garage) when not in use.

If funded, we can offer programs during the spring, summer and fall. Programs will be offered to the general public and private programs will be available for schools and youth groups. These programs may be offered in partnership with our Friends groups. Participant fees can be charged to cover staff time and any additional supplies.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lori Williams, Director
Rock County Parks