



## ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department - Committee Room  
3715 Newville Road  
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll

Staff Members:

Diane Arneson	Assistant to IT Director
Colin Byrnes	Director of Planning & Development
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Friend	Secretary II
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
Carol Miller	Concerned Citizen – Via Skype
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
Evan Sayre	Town of Fulton
Andy Walton	Concerned Citizen

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Fox and Richard moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2017. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Chair Bussie stated that if any citizen wished to talk about an item not on today's agenda please raise their hand and she would recognize them.

Mr. Finney announced that a trail school would be held at Magnolia Bluff on May 16-19, 2018.

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**PARKS BUSINESS**

Discussion and Possible Action – Re-referred Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Carol Miller Land Donation. Ms. Miller joined the meeting through Skype. Chair Bussie had everyone introduce themselves. Ms. Miller thanked the committee for allowing her to join the meeting. She stated she wants to donate the land in memory of her late husband. She stated this was her desire, hopes and dreams for this property. Discussion took place on the zoning of the property. Discussion on a parking lot took place. Discussion on development plans took place. Discussion on the ability to access the property. Chair Bussie requested that Ms. Williams get more answers on the property and bring the item back to the committee. She stated the resolution is on the County Board Agenda for Thursday. She will talk to Mr. Podzilni and notify Ms. Williams if the item will remain on the agenda. NO ACTION.

Mr. Sayre departed at 8:25 a.m.

Ms. Miller and Mr. Walton departed at 8:44 a.m.

Ms. Arneson departed at 8:45 a.m.

Discussion and Possible Action – Gibbs Lake House Lease. Ms. Williams discussed three options for the Gibbs Lake House Lease. The first would be an increase of 2% or \$15.96 a month, which would be \$813.96. The second option would be to round the figure up to \$815.00 a month. The third option would be no increase and remain at \$798.00. Ms. Williams recommended approval of the second option of \$815.00 per month. Discussion on the increase took place. Supervisors Fox moved to approve the Parks Directors recommendation of increasing the rent to \$815.00 per month. Supervisor Richard seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Eager Family Trust Donation for Establishment of a Rock County Parks Endowment Fund Through the Natural Resource Foundation. Ms. Williams stated she was approached by two ladies to set up a parks endowment fund in memory of their father. They both have verbally pledged \$10,000 each. Discussion on the endowment fund. Ms. Williams stated the fund would be similar to the green fund. She stated she wanted to discuss the fund with the committee to move ahead and accept the donation. The agreement would need to go to Corporation Counsel and Ms. Williams would have to prepare a resolution to bring back to the committee. Discussion took place on the rate of return of the fund. Mr. Presny stated this would be a great seed for the future. The consensus of the committee was for Ms. Williams to proceed and bring back to the committee. NO ACTION.

Directors Report. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Mr. Paynter stated the Beloit to Janesville trail is roughed in and ready for gravel. Due to the endangered ornate box turtle the time available to work on the trail will be limited. Ms. Williams stated the Rye 140 property is on the Planning & Development agenda for Thursday for the approval of the land division. She is working with Corporation Counsel on the offer to purchase and close on the property.

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Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be combined with the Highway meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend  
Secretary II