



## ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes  
Tuesday, October 10, 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, Driscoll and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold and Fox

Staff Members Present:

Amy Friend	Secretary II
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:

Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
J. Russell Podzilni	Rock County Board Chair
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2017. Supervisors Driscoll and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Chair Bussie stated she had received an email from a citizen concerning Mr. Guisleman's, the former Rock County Parks Director funeral. The email stated that a flower arrangement was not sent by Rock County and the Parks Division not represented after Mr. Guisleman had many years of service to the citizens of Rock County. Mr. Podzilni stated it is not Rock County's policy to send flowers for everybody who worked for the County. Mr. Paynter stated the County was well represented at the funeral. He stated he had attended and Ms. Williams was in attendance. He stated he is currently working on donating a bench in Mr. Guiselman's honor. Ms. Williams stated that we can't spend tax payer's dollars on flowers. She explained the department usually takes up a collection for flowers. The collection was discussed but the consensus of the department was to contribute a memorial in his name instead of sending flowers.

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Mr. Paynter announced the Friends of Rock County Parks umbrella groups will be scheduling a work day at Gibbs Lake to improve the shore line.

Mr. Jorgenson stated on Thursday the County Administrator would be submitting his recommended 2018 budget to the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Jorgenson wanted to bring one topic from the recommended 2018 budget to the Committee. He stated in the recommended 2018 budget is a proposal for a title change to the Parks Director Position. The proposal is to change the title from Parks Director to Parks Manager. He stated the base salary would not be changed. He stated discussion on this topic could be addressed at the October 24th Public Works Committee meeting at the Airport. The discussion and possible action on the County Administrator's recommended 2018 budget will be on the Agenda.

### **PARKS BUSINESS**

Resolution: Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fees to be Received in 2018. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the resolution. Discussion took place on Supervisor Fox's question at the last meeting if the funds could be used to balance the county bridge aid. Discussion took place on the county bridge aid funding. Mr. Jorgenson stated he had spoke with the County Administrator and he had strongly advocated not to use the ATC fees for county bridge aid due to the impact to the levy rates. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Acceptance of Rock County 2017-2018 Snowmobile DNR Grant S-5062. Supervisors Driscoll and Richard moved the resolution. Ms. Williams stated this resolution provides final authorization to accept funding for the annual snowmobile grant. The funds have been increased \$300.00 per mile. The total amount of the grant is \$67,920.00. Ms. Williams stated the trail was only open 11 days last season. If all the 2016-2017 grant funds are not used, the extra money will roll over into the program. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors Report. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Ms. Williams stated the post has been installed at Beckman Mill Park for the security camera. The project was split 50-50 with the friends of Beckman Mill. The installation of the camera is the next step. The Friends of Carver Roehl Park Fall Fest held on Sunday, October 1st was well attended. Ms. Williams stated she is working with the DNR for the final dredging permits for Gibbs Lake Park to replace the pier. She is working with Trail Design Specialists on Magnolia Bluff trail and reworking some areas. The work is set for early spring of 2018. The fire ring was removed at Magnolia Bluff. The Town of Beloit Easement amendment is completed and trail grant work has been started. The resolution for the Carol Miller land donation has been drafted. Ms. Williams stated a verbal offer has been accepted on the I40 property and Mr. Rye is working on the land division. Ms. Williams had drafted the resolution and that will be on the next agenda.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

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Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:31 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend  
Secretary II