



# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Highways & Parks*

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department- Committee Room

3715 Newville Road

Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Richard, Mulligan, Rashkin, Mawhinney and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Rich Greenlee	Corporation Counsel
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

Others Present:

Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Richard Bostwick	Rock County Board Member
Alan Sweeney	Rock County Board Member
Kurt Byfield	WI DNR Grant Project Manager
Everett Reese	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Erica Keehn	Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs
Richard Plautz	Sundowners Snowmobile Club President
John Sweeney	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Kurt Birkett	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Jim McCue	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Bob Bennet	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Robert Shumaker	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Mike Bentheimer	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Charles Rusch	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Tim Weber	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Jim Blogin	Janesville Sno Chiefs Club

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Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2020. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed how discussions have taken place regarding winter plowing for the 24-hour truck routes and sanitization efforts due to staffing needs and the COVID pandemic. A solution to sanitization, purchasing two UV lights (known sanitizers), will be funded by the CARES Act.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. None.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Discussion – Snowmobile Contract Status. Several members present for the Sundowner’s Club and The Snowmobile Alliance addressed the committee with their concerns. Mr. Greenlee answered and explained legal responsibilities for Rock County. Mr. Byfield (DNR) explained the DNR’s protocol/policy. Mr. Traynor summarized and explained the 2020-2021 Trail Maintenance Contract status and the validity of the 1981 Rock County Snowmobile Plan.

Resolution – Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Rock County 2020-2021 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant S-5522. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the Resolution, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

9:25 a.m. Supervisor Rashkin departs meeting.

Parks Manager Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report.

### **Parks General**

Park Usage – usage of Rock County Parks continues to be high despite the pandemic.

Mowing – Trail Maintenance Update – employees continue to vigilantly groom the parks mowing and now mulching leaves.

Septic Service – Second Round – work has been completed and systems are ready for fall/winter.

2021 Budget Overview – budget has been approved by the County Board The expected installation for the playground at Sweet Allyn is expected in 2021.

### **POROS Plan Update**

The online interactive map is available for viewing on the Parks website.

**Friends of Rock County Parks**

PTNT Work Day – Pelishinek Nature Trail – Mr. Traynor thanks everyone for their hard work and dedication to Rock County Parks.

New President – Dennis James – Mr. James named President of Friends of Rock County Parks.

Candle Light Hike – Gibbs Lake – February 13, 2021.

**Wisconsin Parks and Recreation**

Conference Cancelled – the conference was cancelled and has yet to be rescheduled at this time. An announcement will be made when rescheduled.

**Sweet-Allyn Park**

Memorial Bench Status – the bench has been installed.

**Turtle Creek Parkway**

Smith Road Bridge Progress – the bridge replacement is complete. A memorial plaque will be placed at the site when paving is complete.

Kayak Launch Update – Paving – expected completion of the paving for the kayak launch is November 2020. Once completed, a memorial plaque will be placed at the site.

**Carver-Roehl Park**

Friends Group Meeting – many great ideas were discussed.

**Magnolia Bluff Park**

Incidents and Damages – the park’s turf and dumpster suffered damage from vandals. Extra patrol checks by Rock County Sheriff’s Office has been requested.

**Turtle Creek Access at 140**

The sign is installed at this location and the Miller Farms sign installation is progressing.

**Murwin Park**

Tree Removal – Edgerton Fire Department removed debris in the river for future kayakers.

Clean Up – the kayak launch needed repair due to removal of debris process.

**Sherriff’s Department**

Partnership – Boating Safety – Rock County Parks and Sherriff’s Departments partnered and have created life jacket loaner stations offered free to patrons. Installation of the stations will be at a later date.

Signage – signage installation at chosen parks will also be done to promote safety.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend provided information on the items listed in her report.

Next Parks Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moved to adjourn at 9:35 a.m., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II