



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department - Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
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Call to Order. Supervisor Richard called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:01 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Driscoll, Podzilni (Ex Officio) and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold and Fox

Staff Members:

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

Others Present:

Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
Andy Walton	Concerned Citizen

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – Set Town Meetings Dates and Times. Supervisor Richard stated this item was Highway business. Discussion on town meeting dates and times took place. Supervisor Driscoll moved to set the town meeting dates and times for Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Richard seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Bussie arrived at 8:09 a.m.

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Resolution – Support of Allocation of Resources to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs in America’s National Parks. Supervisors Driscoll and Podzilni moved the Resolution Support of Allocation of Resources to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs in America’s National Parks. Ms. Williams stated this resolution was brought forward from Mr. Terronez and Supervisor Zajac. This resolution supports increased funding for maintenance needed in national parks. The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is one of three Natural Park sites in Wisconsin and has a section in Rock County. Supervisor Podzilni requested additional wording be added to the resolution. The wording should be added after the therefore clause and consist of Further resolved that our resolution be passed on to our state and federal representative. It was also noted the resolution did not have an executive summary. Supervisor Podzilni moved to table the Resolution Support of Allocation of Resources to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs in America’s National Parks until the additional wording and an executive summary is added. Supervisor Driscoll seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Authorizing Naming the Recently Acquired Rye 140 Property as Rock County Turtle Creek Access at 140. Supervisors Podzilni and Driscoll moved the Resolution Authorizing Naming the Recently Acquired Rye 140 Property as Rock County Turtle Creek Access at 140. Ms. Williams stated she had asked the Rye family if they would like the Rye name attached to the access and they declined. Discussion took place on the length of the name. Supervisor Bussie confirmed with the Parks Advisory Committee that the name was acceptable with them. MOTION CARRIED

Update and Discussion – Eager Donation and Natural Resources Foundation Endowment Fund. Ms. Williams stated the Committee asked her to provide more information about the Natural Resources Foundation Endowment Fund. She stated the Eager family would like to donate \$20,000. Ms. Williams informed the Committee she has been working with Corporation Counsel and the Finance department for guidance on setting up an Endowment Fund. Chair Bussie state Mr. Eager was in favor of the parks and wetlands and thinks he would have been in favor of an Endowment Fund. It was the consensus of the Committee for Ms. Williams to investigate the Endowment Fund further and bring this item back to the Committee.

Update and Discussion – Carol Miller Property Donation. Ms. Williams reported that Ms. Miller has requested the name change on the donation from the Carol Miller Property Donation to the Miller family donation. Ms. Williams noted if the donation is accepted there is one piece of land that is water and land locked and she is planning on leaving it in its natural state. Ms. Williams had been advised by Corporation Counsel to draft a new resolution for the donation. Supervisor Podzilni noted to Ms. Williams to draft the new resolution and bring it back to the Committee quickly. Mr. Walton questioned if the rezoning has been discussed with the Town of Fulton Board if the Miller property is to become a park. Mr. Jorgenson noted that the property with the current zoning could be used as a park but not as a parking lot. Mr. Walton stated the Town of Fulton has a different opinion of the zoning. He stated the property would have to be rezoned if it was to be used as a park. He referred to the meeting minutes of January 9, 2018 from the Town of Fulton joint meeting of Planning & Zoning and Town Board and what Mr. Byrnes had said. He stated at the meeting Mr. Byrnes had indicated if they are going to do more than just leave it, then they would have to apply for a zoning change. Ms. Williams stated we can acquire the property and address the situation at another time. Mr. Walton stated that a portion of the Miller property is

landlocked and expressed concern that Eminent Domain would be used on his property to get access to the Miller property. He felt it would decrease the value of his property. He stated he would oppose the eminent domain if that would happen. Supervisor Bussie declared Mr. Walton's concerns should be noted in the minutes.

Supervisor Podzilni departed at 8:35 a.m.

Parks Managers Report. The Managers report was included in the Agenda packet. Mr. Presny asked for a brief update on the Smith Road Bridge. Ms. Williams stated Ayres and Associates is currently working on the study for the Smith Road iron bridge to be relocated to Sweet-Allyn Park. The installment of the bridge would open up an inaccessible part of Sweet-Allyn Park. Mr. Paynter expressed happiness that the purchase of Rye Property has been resolved. Ms. Williams mentioned she would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring. She stated this had been a long process. Chair Bussie questioned the Facilities Management Health Care Center sign on the report. Ms. Williams stated the Parks department has a router and they refurbish the wood signs for other departments. Discussion took place on the snowmobile grant reimbursement. Ms. Williams stated the state has a new program named SNARS and all of the snowmobile grant information is entered online into SNARS. Ms. Williams noted the picture of the Fecon work that was done at Beckman Mill. The Fecon equipment is a forestry mower head. She stated they rented the Fecon equipment for a week and work was done at Gibbs Lake, Beckman Mill, PTNT and the Ice Age Trail.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, April, 10 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II