



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 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 Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney and Mulligan.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Rashkin and Yeomans.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Dennis James	President, FORCP

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks from June 8, 2021. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes from June 8, 2021, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – 2022 Park Rental Fees: Mr. Traynor presented a PowerPoint for 2017 to 2021 (YTD) rentals and fees statistics and answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Traynor reviewed the need for shelter and bathroom updates at two parks. Supervisor

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Mawhinney moved approval of the special events fee increase for 2022, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor presented an increase request of \$50 for 1-2 day events and \$100 increase for 3-4 day events for the special event fees for 2022. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – 2022 Gibbs Lake House Rental Rate: Mr. Traynor presented a PowerPoint for the Gibbs Lake rental house. Supervisor Richard approved a 5% increase in 2022 for the house rent, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor suggested a 5% increase in monthly house rent to begin January 1, 2022, in the amount of \$865. Additional discussion will take place at a future Parks Committee meeting. ADOPTED.

Discussion – Camp Indian Trails Update: Mr. Traynor is awaiting further discussion with a Boy Scouts representative and will present to the Committee at that time.

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

Parks General

Budget Time – the budget meeting was held July 6, 2021.

Rock Koshkonong Lake District Meeting – June 17th – Mr. Traynor met with RKLD and the new Jefferson County Parks Director. Improving parking around the lake was discussed.

Peace Trail Meeting – July 8th – Mr. Traynor met with the Rock Trail Coalition and discussed clean-up of the trail. Mr. Traynor is in discussions with Midstate and the possibility of receiving a donated brush mower for clean-up of the trail.

Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program

State Legislature Approved – 4 years \$32 Million.

Thank You for the Support.

Beckman Mill Park

Memorial Bench Installed - the memorial benches and plaque have been installed.

Mill Days Update – Mill tours restarted July 10, 2021; held 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

Sweet-Allyn Park

Playground Replacement Work Update – hydroseeding has been done. Matting errors have delayed completion.

Turtle and Plaques are Placed.

Shopiere Days – June 25th-27th – smaller than prior years but good turnout.

Gibbs Lake Park

Light Install Completed – light installation at horse parking lot is done; looking into placing a light at the launch.

Horse Lot Border Repairs – utility posts will be repaired.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Point Fence Repair – FORCP Volunteer Project – the new president of FORCP & the Ice Age trails, Mr. James, was introduced. The split rail fence will be replaced by volunteers of FORCP.

Vandalism Issues – Camera Purchase – Mr. Traynor is reviewing the best camera system to purchase.

County Conservation Grant – Payment Received \$3,118.

Ice Age Park

Clean Up – Mowing and Tree Removal – flooding has receded to the original pond area. A growing vegetative species is being researched and monitored.

Topography Alterations – item to be discussed further at a future Parks Committee meeting.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend presented a PowerPoint about June events in the parks and discussed upcoming July events.

Next Parks Meeting Date. Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 9:11 a.m., second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Hartley, Secretary II