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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
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Call to Order. Vice-Chair Fox called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Driscoll and Fox

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Bussie and Richard

<u>Staff Members:</u>	Amy Friend	Secretary II
	Duane Jorgenson	Interim Director of Public Works
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

<u>Others Present:</u>	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Jim Welsch	NHLT Representative

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Duane stated the Public Works Highway Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017. He had a conversation previously with Chair Bussie and the scheduled time will not work. Supervisors Fox and Richard will not be able to attend the meeting. Duane has some items on the agenda that are time sensitive. He requested the meeting be rescheduled. The meeting date will be coordinated after today's meeting. Supervisor Fox announced that the Rock Trail Coalition will have a speaker at the Rock County Job Center on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

PARK BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Resolution Acceptance of Recreational Trail Grant Funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Beloit to Janesville Connector Trail Improvements and Amending the Parks Budget. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the resolution approving acceptance of recreational trail grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Beloit to Janesville Connector Trail improvements and amending the Parks budget. Lori stated when she applied for the

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grant she allowed \$50,000 in the budget for a partial match. The grant funds were not included during the budget process as they were awarded in February 2017, thus requiring a budget amendment. The grant being awarded requires at least 50/50 match of local funds. The anticipated project is \$100,000 of which is the \$45,000 will be Rec Trail Grant Funds. The extra \$5,000 can be made in kind match such as labor or donations. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Easement to Ideal Midwest, LLC to Cross Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the resolution authoring easement to Ideal Midwest, LLC to Cross Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail. Lori explained this is standard procedure. The contract is in Laserfiche and is pending Committee approval. A fee of \$500.00 has been stipulated in accordance with past easements of this nature. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Carol Miller Property/National Heritage Land Trust Donation. Lori introduced Jim Welsh who was representing Carol Miller property and National Heritage Land Trust Donation. Jim stated that there was interest in donating this property to Rock County Parks. Supervisor Fox asked if any limitations would be place on the property. Jim stated there would be no restrictions. Lori reminded the committee that no hunting or trapping is allowed in any County Park. Discussion took place on the property being land locked and having access challenges. Tom asked if any lands that the County owned were comparable to this property. Supervisor Fox stated Gibbs Lake and Dean stated Avon Bottoms. Discussion took place on tax liability. Supervisor Fox moved to accept the Carol Miller Property/National Heritage Land Trust Donation. Supervisor Arnold seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of Fees. Lori stated she was asked to put the Rock County Parks reservations, permits, and boat launch fees on the agenda. The calendar for reservation opens up on the first business day of the year. She said the current process for park reservations is archaic. A request is made for a park reservation and the staff has a binder they have to look in to see if the park is available. Reservations cannot be made online. At this time, payments have to be made in cash or check. A debit or credit card cannot be used. Lori stated that the rates have not been raised in six years. Discussion took place on comparable rates in the area. Discussion took place on updating the reservation system. Lori stated this would have to go through the Finance department. Supervisor Fox stated he will ask at next Finance department meeting.

Directors Report. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Lori discussed the Carver Roehl erosion control project that was done by the Friends of Carver Roehl. She stated it looks very nice and some finishing work still need to be done. Discussion took place on the work day at five arch bridge. Lori stated another work day is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Five Arch Bridge. Discussion took place on the Rye 140 Property. Lori stated the appraisal work was in process and

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should be completed in two weeks. Lori announced the Friends of Rock County Parks second meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Set Next Meeting Date. The next Park meeting will be jointly held with the Highway meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II