



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, September 14, 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, Mulligan and Rashkin.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Yeomans.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager
Alan Sweeney	County Board Supervisor

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Jim Blouin	Citizen
John Sweeney	Sundowner's Snowmobile Club
Bob Bennett	Sundowner's Snowmobile Club
Bob Shumacker	Sundowner's Snowmobile Club, Legal Counsel

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks from July 13, 2021. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes from July 13, 2021, second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Blouin, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sweeney expressed their support of funding the Sundowner's Snowmobile Club with grant S-5652. Mr. Sweeney distributed his suggestions to amend the Resolution – Acceptance of

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Rock County 2021-2022 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant S-5652.

Mr. Sweeney provided updates on the project at the Indianford Dam.

Supervisor Mawhinney announced a meat raffle November 7, 2021, at Badger Bob's in Delevan, sponsored by the Rock County Multi-Use Trail Group to raise funds to install a well at the Gibbs Lake Park equestrian lot.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Presny and Mr. Finney reflected on the past year in the parks. The parks were filled with many individuals and families enjoying activities. Both agreed the parks look great due to the fantastic job done by the parks' crew.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Aids Application Grant Funds: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Resolution – Authorizing Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) Between Rock and Walworth Counties on Maintenance and Development of the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail: Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Rashkin. Mr. Traynor explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Resolution – Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Rock County 2021-2022 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant S-5652: Supervisor Mawhinney moved to amend the resolution as follows with added items updated or underlined, second by Supervisor Mulligan: WHEREAS, the Rock County Preliminary Application for 100% funding was approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the total amount of ~~\$52,200~~ \$66,540 to provide ~~174~~ 221.8 miles of Rock County Trails; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Manager be named the Snowmobile Trail Coordinator and acts as an authorized official to file all necessary documents for administration and reimbursement of this program, with the Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs and Sundowners Snowmobile Club named as subcontractors to carry out the work of the program (signing, grooming, and general trail maintenance). The Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs and Sundowners Snowmobile Club are a 501(c)(3) federal charitable organization. They are in partnership with Rock County to carry out this recreation program in Rock County.

Amendment FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Mawhinney and Mulligan voted in favor. Supervisors Richard and Rashkin voted against. Supervisor Yeomans was absent. AYES – 2. NOES – 2. ABSENT – 1.

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Original Resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Richard, Mulligan and Rashkin voted in favor. Supervisor Mawhinney voted against. AYES – 3. NOES – 1. ABSENT – 1.

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

Parks General

Working on Grants – Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend have been very busy completing many grant requests this year.

Parks Risk Assessment – Terri Carlson – Mr. Traynor and Ms. Carlson have completed an assessment of the parks and are eliminating any safety concerns.

Peace Trail Grant Update

Recreational Trails Program Grant – potential of receiving \$45,000.

Beckman Mill Park

Fall Heritage Days – the September 12, 2021, gathering went very well.

Channel 3 Special – In the 608 – Beckman Mill was featured on television by Channel 3.

Sweet-Allyn Park

Playground Replacement Work Update – finished and looks fantastic!

Ball Field Repairs – expecting to complete in the Fall.

Gibbs Lake Park

Horse Lot Project Update – the damaged post was replaced and the area has good lighting. The search for night vision, solar powered surveillance cameras continues.

Carver-Roehl Park

Chainsaw Training Program – DPW Highway will be conducting training in November.

Fall Harvest Days October 3rd – invite family and friends to this great activity.

W. L. Sportsman's Park

Food Trucks In the Park – new fundraiser for the Green Fund invites you to visit food trucks in the park on Thursdays, noon to 7 p.m.

Upcoming Training Schedule

NRPA Conference Sept. 21-23 – Mr. Traynor is attending this conference in Nashville, TN.

WPRA Fall Workshop Oct. 7-8 – Mr. Traynor is attending this workshop virtually.

Pelishak-Tiffany Nature Trail

Eagle Scout Project – Cameron Boggess did an excellent job rehabilitating the shelters and benches along the trail.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached: Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in the Community Coordinator’s report.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution – Approval of Revised Relocation Order for CTH F North Reconstruction Project: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of Two (2) Overhead Gantry Cranes and Chain Hoists: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the issue paper, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson explained the issue paper and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Next Parks Meeting Date. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 8:47 a.m., second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Hartley, Secretary II