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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
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Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Fox

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| <u>Staff Members:</u> | Amy Friend | Secretary II |
| | Joshua Smith | County Administrator |
| | Lori Williams | Parks Director |

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| <u>Others Present:</u> | Floyd Finney | Parks Advisory Committee |
| | Dean Paynter | Parks Advisory Committee |
| | Tom Presny | Parks Advisory Committee |

Approval of Agenda. Ms. Williams requested item 5j be removed from today's agenda. She has a meeting scheduled on August 15th about the property. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll moved today's amended agenda deleting item 5j. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2017. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion – Recycling in Rock County Parks. Ms. Williams stated she had brought this informational item to the Committee by Mr. Presny's request. She stated the Rock County Parks has a three year contract with Advanced Disposal for trash and recycling pick up. The contract runs from 2017-2019. Ms. Williams stated the Parks department does not have enough staff to empty them. Mr. Presny stated he had requested the item be brought to the committee for awareness and suggestions. He stated the trash and recycling bins look similar except for writing

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on the containers. Discussion took place on adding signage to distinguish between the trash and recycling containers. Mr. Paynter feels we should continue with both but the bins should look different. Ms. Williams stated she has requested Advanced Disposal to distinguish between the recycling and trash bins. Chair Bussie thanked Mr. Presny for bringing this item to the committee for discussion

Discussion – Rock County Parks Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Williams stated the information is in the 2018 Joint Committee Parks Budget Presentation that will be presented later.

Update and Discussion – Town of Beloit Easement for Beloit to Janesville Trail. Ms. Williams stated she has received the final amended agreement this morning. She stated this would not require going to County Board but the amended description which would be attached to the current agreement. Ms. Williams thanked Mr. Paynter for his help. Discussion took place on the clause in the contract about changes on the trail and how it can be moved for development and Rock County will pay the cost. Ms. Williams stated a grant she is currently working on might be able to provide the \$3,000 expense cost back to the Rock Trail Collation. Chair Bussie asked if the final amended agreement was approved by Corporation Counsel. Ms. Williams stated yes and Corporation Counsel was included in the meetings.

Update and Discussion – ATC New Transmission Line One Time Environmental Fee. Ms. Williams stated this was placed on the agenda at Chair Bussie's request and for Mr. Smith to attend. Discussion took place on the splitting of the fees. Ms. Williams discussed how the funds had been used in the Parks with the previous ATC fees. Mr. Smith handed out a memorandum on the background on the Rock County's receipt and use of ATC funds. He stated Rock County will be receiving either \$796,960 or \$830,560 from ATC for a one time impact fee. The fee would be paid as soon as ATC begins construction, which they plan to do in 2018. The fee would impact the 2018 budget. Last time the fees were split equally between Land Conservation and the Parks Division. Discussion took place on the use of funds. Discussion took place on Ms. Williams preparing a one page list detailing how the money was used with the previous one-time fee and a new list proposing how to use the new fee. The committee agreed with the desire for more discussion. Chair Bussie requested this be put on the next meeting agenda for future discussion and possible action.

Mr. Smith departed at 8:50 a.m.

Update and discussion – Carol Miller Property Donation. Ms. Williams stated she had been playing phone tag trying to get this donation finalized. She is working on the request section of the easement to make sure it will not hinder any of our wishes with the property. She stated she is working on the resolution and will bring this back to the Committee.

Update and Discussion – Rye 140 Property. Ms. Williams stated her and Supervisor Fox has a meeting scheduled with Andy Rye on August 15, 2017 based on the parameters set at the last meeting. Supervisor Arnold had spoke with Gordy Rye and he has turned over all negotiations to Andy Rye. Ms. Williams stated she had received an email from Andy Rye hoping to resolve this or close the area. Discussion took place on the popularity of the boat launch.

Directors Report. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Ms. Williams stated the bridge replacement at Carver Roehl was budgeted for \$30,000. She believed the project was under budget by 50%. WisCorps was the group the Parks department worked with to replace the Carver Roehl Bridge. They are a group of college kids around the nation and they camped at Carver Roehl all week. They worked during the week of the 4th of July. Chair Bussie asked if the damaged trees had been cleaned up at Sportsman's park. Ms. Williams stated yes and another tree has been marked to get taken care of. Ms. Williams reported a break in at the fee launch can at Royce Dallman. She discussed the current issues with Highway 26 bike trail. Ms. Williams thanks Mr. Paynter for emailing the state and getting results. She stated the state is paying for the repairs. Ms. Williams discussed how the Parks department has been short of staff all summer. She stated we are doing the best we can with all of the rain and mowing this season. Discussion took place on the two 25 hour/week part-time Parks employees. Ms. Williams stated the rental season this summer has been very busy.

2018 Joint Committee Parks Budget Presentation. Ms. Williams gave her 2018 Joint Committee Parks Budget Presentation to the Committee. Chair Bussie requested Ms. Williams draft a letter to thank all of the volunteers to be signed by the Committee and the Parks Director.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II