



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee – Parks & Highway Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Fox, Driscoll, Richard, and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
John Traynor	Parks Manager

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Zajac moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2019. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that he would be attending the Commissioner Training in Madison on Monday, March 18th and Tuesday, March 19th.

Mr. Jorgenson stated he has been working with Shena Kohler at the Sheriff's Emergency Management department with the flooding issues. They are prepped and ready to go.

Mr. Jorgenson stated Mr. Smith has requested that he present a summary of the potholes at County Board on Thursday.

Mr. Jorgenson stated the internal interviews for the State Superintendent position will be held on March 13th. The interviews for the Secretary II position will be held on March 20th.

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Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Paynter informed the Committee that the Friends of Rock County Parks will be having a meeting tomorrow at the Airport at 6:30 p.m.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion Parking Lot Expansion at Royce Dallman. Mr. Traynor stated he was bringing this item to the Committee for informational purposes. He stated Anchor Inn has raised their fees for the boat launch and more people are using the boat launch at Royce Dallman. He suggested removing some posts and building a gravel drive and they would be able to park on the grass for overflow parking. He stated it will create more parking with the extra stalls and increase revenue. Chair Bussie asked if he was planning on paving it. Mr. Traynor stated no, it would only be a gravel drive. Supervisor Richard asked how soon he would like to do the project. Mr. Traynor replied this spring. He stated he would bring an update on the project and the costs back to the Committee.

Parks Manger Report. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report.

Table Rehab – Almost 75% of the picnic tables are completed.

Mower Maintenance – The crew has started maintenance on the first mower.

Tree Work – The weather has caused delays. Tree work is needed at Magnolia Bluff, Gibbs Lake, Beckman Mill and Murwin Park.

Aldo Leopold – Introduction to Prescribed Burning School March 28th and 29th. Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend will attend.

Reinders – Mower and Turf Maintenance March 14th. The Parks Crew and Mr. Traynor will attend. The Parks staff attends the training every other year.

Rock County Parks Facebook Page – Ms. Friend has the Parks Facebook Page up.

Summer Staffing – The recruitment for two positions are on the Rock County website. Mr. Traynor will notify colleges to post the position for interested college students.

Reservations Process – Had a meeting with IT. They will present a calendar in a few weeks.

Trail Camera/Hunting Process – Several requests have been submitted about hunting and placing trail cameras in the parks. No hunting or trail cameras are allowed in Rock County Parks due to safety and privacy concerns.

Community Coordinator Report – The Community Coordinator will be attending the Committee meetings and provide information to the Committee as needed. The report will be listed under the Parks Manger Report. Supervisor Richard stated this is a good idea.

8:26 a.m. Mr. Traynor, Mr. Finney, Mr. Paynter and Mr. Presny departed the meeting.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Shopiere Lane Property Update. Mr. Jorgenson provide the Committee with an update on the Shopiere Lane Property. He stated one item was remaining in the negotiations. A billboard is on the property and the owner of the billboard is requesting to keep it for advertising. The billboard doesn't affect the site layout. Town of Turtle has an ordinance that a sign on the property has to belong to the owner of the property. We are working with the owner and the Town of Turtle to resolve this issue. Discussion was held on controlling the advertising on the sign. Supervisor Fox recommended buying the sign and moving it. Supervisor Richard stated he felt too much time would be spent on the issues with the sign and supported the removal of the sign.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Community Coordinator