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# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Highways & Parks*

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks  
Tuesday, June 8, 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, Rashkin and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. None.

<u>Staff Members:</u>	John Traynor	Parks Manager
	Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
	Amy Sather	Accounting Specialist
	Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

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

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks from May 11, 2021. Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the minutes from May 11, 2021, second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Traynor announced the hand-pump well and drinking fountain at Beckman Mill will be tested today. A Turtle Creek Parkway renter stated the air conditioning was not functioning during their recent rental. Parks staff checked and found no problems with the unit. A contractor will be hired to clean and check the system. The furnace at Turtle Creek Parkway was purchased in 1999, central air in 1992.

Mr. Mulligan reported many positive comments have been received regarding the Camp Indian Trails.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Paynter reported the Rock Trail Coalition trimmed the Peace Trail for future paving work.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Discussion – Camp Indian Trail Update: Awaiting response from Boy Scouts of America.

Discussion and Possible Action – Park Fees: Mr. Traynor presented the 2021 Park Fees poster, answered questions from the committee and discussion ensued. The committee requested more information before a decision is made. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

### **Parks General**

Things are Picking Up – more attendance at the parks with nicer weather.  
Rental Update - Rock County Parks rentals are picking up.

### **Grant Update**

Magnolia Bluff County Conservation Grant - applied for reimbursement.  
Working on Gathering Information for Next County Conservation Grant Due in October - information is being gathered for work to be done in Lee and Carver Roehl parks.

### **Beckman Mill Park**

Memorial Bench Install - the memorial benches are ready to be installed by Parks staff.  
Mill Days Update - Friends of Beckman Mill Park will be meeting this week to decide on whether to start up Mill Days again.  
FORCP – Bike Ride – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – many attended the Friends of Rock County Parks bike ride on May 22, 2021.

### **Sweet-Allyn Park**

Playground Replacement Work Update – waiting on contractor to finish border around the playground.  
Turtle and Memorial Plaque Placement - the turtles will remain in the park; two will be placed at the entrance of the playground and the third by the pavilion. The turtles need repainting. The memorial plaques will be embedded into the playground border.

### **Gibbs Lake Park**

Trail Riding Event – May 15<sup>th</sup> - a trail riding event was held on May 15, 2021.  
Parking Lot Light Install - a light pole has been installed at the horse park. An electrician will complete the light and junction box installation.

**Magnolia Bluff Park**

Dog vs. Horse Incident - the missing horse was found and returned. A reminder was sent to the Sheriff's Department regarding the leashed dog policy in Rock County Parks.

Point Fence Repair – FORCP are going to work on repairing.

**Ice Age Trail**

Eagle Scout Project - Aldo Leopold Benches - the benches have been installed. Thank you to Chase McCumber, Jr. for completing the donation as an Eagle Scout Project.

Meeting – Future Trail Development – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – a meeting was held to discuss connecting the trails at Gibbs Lake Park to Magnolia Bluff Park.

Walk Across Rock County – an Ice Age Trail patch will be offered to those who complete the walk.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend presented a Power Point about May events in the parks.

Next Parks Meeting Date. Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 9:02 a.m., second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sather  
Accounting Specialist