



# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Highways & Parks*

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks  
Tuesday, March 9, 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>	Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
	John Traynor	Parks Manager
	Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
	Amy Hartley	Secretary II

<u>Others Present:</u>	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
	Erica Keehn	President, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs
	Steve Fausnaugh	Vice President, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks and Highway from January 12, 2021. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes from January 12, 2021, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ms. Hartley read a letter received from Erica Keehn, President, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs, expressing gratitude towards the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Rock County Parks' staff.

Mr. Traynor reported the high water at Ice Age Park has receded some.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Presny reported the Gathering Place Fishing Club, Milton, built and placed six fishing cribs on Gibbs Lake. Once at the bottom of the lake, the cribs will provide fish refuge where otherwise there would be none. Mr. Presny is creating a lake map to indicate the coordinates of the cribs.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Discussion – 2020-2021 Snowmobile Season Update. Mr. Traynor reported the best snowmobile season since 2012 and all funds from the grant will be used. The 2020-2021 grant was revised to reflect the 174 miles maintained by the Alliance.

Discussion and Possible Action – Snowmobile Grant for 2021-2022 Season. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Snowmobile Grant for the 2021-2022 season to reflect option number two: *For 221.8 miles with the grant description clearly listing the 174 as funded miles and the 47.8 as Sundowner miles*, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor explained the grant, options and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Update – Rock County Parks’ Grants. Mr. Traynor explained the information contained in the grants update document. Mr. Traynor corrected a typo on the form.

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

### **Parks General**

Parks Crew – Work Duties – the Parks crew is painting, cleaning, fixing wood signs and completing general maintenance as the mowing season approaches.

Seasonal Hires Update – four applications will be processed.

Tree Work – Royce Dallman, Gibbs Lake, Beckman Mill – tree work will be completed, weather permitting.

Snowshoe Rental Update – due to Ms. Friend’s advertising on social media, rentals increased to their highest (75) of any season.

### **Conservation Grant Update**

Lee Park Update – Forestry Mower - mowing expected to be completed soon.

### **Royce Dallman Park**

Boomfest Event – February 20, 2021 – many attended Mr. Green’s event and very few issues occurred. A fence post was damaged during the event. Mr. Traynor discussed a special events fee when questioned by Mr. Yeomans. Mr. Traynor will review with Mr. Greenlee, Rock County Corporation Counsel.

### **Sweet-Allyn Park**

Playground Replacement Work Update – work will start soon, weather permitting.

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Rip Rap Project – working with DNR on permitting; hope to complete while equipment is at Sweet-Allyn Park.

**Gibbs Lake Park**

Fish Cribs – Tree Work – Mr. Traynor expressed gratitude to all those who participated in the construction of the cribs.

Fishing Tournament – great weather February 27, 2021, allowed for high attendance and a great family event.

**Turtle Creek Parkway**

Memorial Update – waiting on verbiage update from contractor.

**Happy Hollow**

Incident Recap – Mr. Traynor explained the events of a plane crash 30 feet outside the park resulting in two deaths. The park was temporarily closed for a week for use as a staging area for cleanup efforts.

**Parks Staff Status**

Mr. Traynor expressed the need for an additional employee for the Department. Park duties have increased significantly. An additional parks member would be beneficial for project completion timely and safely. Mr. Traynor will request a new employee in the 2022 budget.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend provided information on the items listed in her report.

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

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moved adjournment at 8:58 a.m., second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II