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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. Public Works Department- Committee Room 3715 Newville Road Janesville WI 53545

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

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

Staff Members:

Amy Friend

Secretary II

Duane Jorgenson

Interim Director of Public Works

Josh Smith

County Administrator

Lori Williams

Parks Director

Others Present:

Floyd Finney

Parks Advisory Committee

Dean Paynter

Parks Advisory Committee

Tom Presny

Parks Advisory Committee

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2017</u>. Supervisor Fox and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements</u>. Dean Paynter discussed the moving of the Janesville to Beloit (Peace) bike trail, Town of Beloit easement section. He stated Rock Trail Collation had spent \$10,000 on having the trail roughed in. The town of Beloit is asking for the trail to be moved to accommodate future development plans. Dean stated he is going to meeting and asking for reimbursement of \$3,000. Chair Bussie stated Dean should request this to be on a future Agenda to be discussed.

## **PARK BUSINESS**

Consider Approval for the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century and Janesville Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution to Place a Historical Plaque at the Rock County Farm Cemetery located in Sportsman's Park. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the Approval. The group would like to put a historical plaque on the fence with the number and names of the deceased. Supervisor Fox asked if the plaque would be made of materials that would stand up over time. Lori stated the plaque would be professionally made with weather resistant materials. The plaque

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will hang on the fence and would not be in the way of mowing activities. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Discussion on Rock County Park's Donation Brochure</u>. Lori presented the Committee with a color copy of the Rock County Park's Donation Brochure. The brochure goes along with the Donation Policy that the Committee and County Board has already approved. She stated she receives many calls from people who would like to make various donations to the department. The brochure will give them an idea of what they can donate to the Park's department. It was the general consensus of the Committee that this was a good idea.

<u>Directors Report</u>. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Lori stated the toilets were installed at Carver Roehl Park. The paved pathway to the toilets still needs to be completed. The horse trails are open in all equestrian parks. The two summer employees starts on June 5<sup>th</sup>. They will each work 25 hours per week. Lori stated the four 10's schedule started this week. The Five Arch Bridge cleanup day was April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dean asked about the status of the Turtle Creek Parkway canoe launch. Lori stated the permit fee was paid to the DNR. She is working on the permits and specifications. Lori stated the bridge replacement at Carver Roehl is scheduled for July with Wisconsin Corps.

<u>Discussion on Rye 140 Property Appraisal</u>. Tom passed around pictures he took at the Rye 140 property. Lori stated the property was a very popular launch. The money for the appraisal of the Rye 140 property was received from the Green Fund. Discussion took place on Rye 140 Property Appraisal. Lori mentioned a new grant that will be available in May 2018 that could be used to purchase this property. The grant will reimburse 50% of the cost of purchase and 50% of the cost of the appraisal. Discussion took place on the merits of the County taking the property over, options for alternate sites, the maintenance cost on an annual basis and the status of the pavement.

Supervisor Bussie departed at 8:29 a.m.

<u>Set Next Meeting Date</u>. The next Park meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

<u>Executive Session</u>. Supervisors Arnold moved to go into Executive Session at 8:36 a.m., Supervisor Driscoll seconded per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. – For the purpose of discussion on the possible purchase of public property. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Arnold, Driscoll, Fox and Richard. Supervisor Bussie – Absent.

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Supervisor Richard moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:54 a.m., Supervisor Driscoll seconded. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Arnold, Driscoll, Fox and Richard. Supervisor Bussie – Absent.

Adjournment. Supervisor Richard and Arnold moved to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend Secretary II