



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks & Highway
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 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 Mawhinney, Mulligan and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Rashkin.

Staff Members:

Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator

Others Present:

Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Bailey Langton	Citizen
Everett Reese	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Erica Keehn	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Shaun Eberdt	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks and Highway from November 10, 2020. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes of November 10, 2020 as corrected, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson corrected November 10, 2020, minutes to reflect hydro geologist replaces hydrologist listed under Parks Business, Discussion – Ice Age Park Piezometers. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Traynor announced that Carver-Roehl Park will be closed December 9-11, 2020, for DPW Chainsaw Training.

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Mr. Traynor announced that Magnolia Bluff upper and the Gibbs Lake horse lot are closed for the season.

Mr. Traynor introduced Bailey Langton. Ms. Langton constructed four benches and donated them to Rock County Parks for her senior project. Two benches are placed along the Glacial River Trail. Ms. Langton discussed her reasons for choosing Rock County Parks, the Leopold design of the benches and the process she followed to accomplish the bench donation. The Parks Department is honored and appreciative of receiving this gift and extends gratitude to Ms. Langton.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Paynter announced scheduled events: Gibbs Lake hike February 13, 2021, and the Bike Tour at Beckman Mill May 22-23, 2021. Rock Trail Coalition had an event for Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020, for a DNR grant to aid Peace Trail paving.

Mr. Presny announced that volunteers from Friends of Rock County Parks and Janesville and Beloit parks made over 1600 candles for candlelight walk fundraisers.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant CC20-54WM Funds. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the grant, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Resolution – Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant RTP-1019-20ND Funds. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the grant, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Traynor explained the grant will be used for paving Peace Trail. Supervisor Richard extended his gratitude to Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend for all their hard work obtaining grants for Rock County. ADOPTED.

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

Donations

The Sweet-Allyn and Beckman Mill memorial benches have been received. The bench at Beckman Mill will be installed in spring 2021.

Conor Herbert planted 100 Trees for his Eagle Scout project at Gibbs Lake, Miller Farms Wetland Conservancy and Murwin Park.

Bailey Langton built and donated four Leopold benches as her senior project.

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Projects

A new restroom was installed at Indianford Park. The parking lot was fixed from damage caused by the crane during restroom installation.

Turtle Creek Parkway - a new kayak launch was installed. The Smith Road Memorial is expected to be placed next to the kayak launch. New kitchen flooring was installed in the kitchen and some plumbing was updated. Mr. Traynor extended an invite to the committee for a meeting in 2021 to see the updates. Due to the pandemic, Turtle Creek Parkway had many reservation cancellations this year.

Royce Dallman – gravel was installed to improve the shoulder along Charley Bluff Road and act as a boat prep area. Paving this area will take place in 2021.

Beckman Mill – a new playground border is expected to be completed by year’s end. The border will facilitate maintenance and is the final phase of the project.

Murwin Park – the new kayak access area is complete. Paddle gates may be installed in the future.

The 2020-2025 POROS Plan was completed, adopted and satisfactory.

Grant Work

Snowmobile Grant – awarded funds for 2020-2021 totaled \$66,540.

County Conservation Aids 50/50 Grant - \$3,719 was received and used towards the installation of kayak access at Murwin Park. \$5,000 is available for 2021 and will be used at Lee Park for rehabilitation and tree clean-up.

Peace Trail resurfacing 50/50 funds grant - \$45,000 awarded funds expire in 2023 and will be used for the paving project.

Mr. Traynor extended gratitude towards Ms. Friend for all her hard work researching, processing and obtaining the 2020 grants.

Mr. Mulligan expressed gratitude towards the Parks Department for the beautiful clean-up done at Turtle Creek Parkway.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend provided information and pictures for the items listed in her report. In addition, Ms. Friend reviewed the Parks Department’s success in reaching the community and receiving good feedback on Facebook and Instagram. Ms. Friend reported completing updates for the 2021 Rock County Tourism Guide. Ms. Friend

extended gratitude to all members of the Parks Department, Parks Advisory Board, volunteers, Friends groups and the committee for all their cooperation, acceptance and support.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution – Executive Summary for New Uniform Vendor. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Yeomans. Mr. Jorgenson explained one vendor bid this year. The contract is renewed every three years but can be amended yearly if necessary. For economic reasons and a possible increase in bidders, Supervisor Yeomans suggested combining the contract with Facilities Management. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the contract, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Jorgenson explained details of the contract and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Bridge Aid Petition from Town of Bradford for S. Kemp Rd. Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the petition, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Offering Price Report for Real Estate – CTH A (Milton Shopiere Road to USH 14). Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the report, second by Supervisor Yeomans. Mr. Elmer explained this is the third and final phase for the CTH A project. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Driveway Access Permit, CTH K, Robinson. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the permit, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Driveway Access Permit, CTH A, Shadel. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the permit, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Orfordville Lease, Todd Suer. Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the lease, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Papers for Items 7h Through 7p. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Issue Papers for items 7h through 7p, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Review of Payments. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed and explained purchases as needed. Mr. Jorgenson clarified items on November 2020's Review of Payments.

Next Parks Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

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*Minutes of the Rock County Public Works Committee
December 8, 2020*

Next Highway Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moved adjournment at 9:14 a.m., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II