



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, May 11, 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.

Staff Members:

Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
John Traynor	Parks Manager
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Josh Smith	County Administrator
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager
Richard Greenlee	Corporation Counsel

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Rich Bostwick	County Board Chair
Ben Rohr	VandeWalle & Associates
Blake Theisen	Parkitecture
Carolyn Brandeen	Ice Age Trail Member
Edward Medere	Ice Age Trail & Alliance Member
Neil Deupree	Green/Rock Audubon Society
Thomas Kautz	Rock County Resident
Les Davis	Rock County Resident
William Summers	Rock County Resident
Dennis James	President, Friends of Rock County Parks

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

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Approval of Minutes for Parks from April 13, 2021. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes from April 13, 2021, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Medere, Mr. James, Ms. Brandeen, Mr. Kautz, Mr. Deupree and Mr. Paynter expressed the importance and support Rock County moving forward on the acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Ms. Hartley read supportive letters from Mr. Kautz, Mr. Finney and Mr. Presny regarding the same.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Paynter expressed support for the Resolution-Support, Renew and Fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Support, Renew and Fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Traynor explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Turtle Community Organization June 22-28, 2021, Celebration Fermented Malt Beverage Permit. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the permit, second by Supervisor Rashkin. Mr. Traynor explained the permit and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Moving Forward on Acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Supervisor Rashkin approved moving forward on the acquisition, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Supervisor Mawhinney moved, in principle, to utilize the Rock County 2022 sales tax for the purchase and maintenance of the Camp Indian Trails. All committee members voted in favor. Mr. Traynor explained and answered questions regarding the acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Mr. Rohr and Mr. Theisen reviewed their presentations and answered questions from the committee regarding Camp Indian Trails. Mr. Smith answered questions presented by the committee. ADOPTED.

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

Parks General

Maintenance Update – mowing has started.

Park Clean-up – downed branches from winter are being cleaned up.

Grant Update

Lee Park Grant Payment Received April 15th - \$5000 – grant was used for forestry work and is now complete.

Stewardship Grant Applied For – application complete for Peace Trail grant.

20-21 Snowmobile Trail Aids Grant – Final Payment Requested – Grant has been amended and received.

Beckman Mill Park

Volunteer Day – Blackhawk Tech – radiology students volunteered and did a great job helping with clean up in the parks.

Sweet-Allyn Park

Playground Replacement Work Update – Lee Recreation and highway employees helped install the playground. The border will be completed with a concrete.

Turtle Rehabilitation – one of the three metal turtles in the park needs painting.

Gibbs Lake and Magnolia Bluff Horse Trails

Horse Trails Are Open – Work Still Needs to be Done – the horse trails were opened April 30, 2021. Hydroseeding has yet to produce due to dry conditions.

May 15th Event at Gibbs Lake – An obstacle course is planned for the weekend of May 15, 2021, by the Mutli-Use Trail Group.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Installation of Last Two Aldo Leopold Benches – Bailey Langton – the last two benches were installed.

Traffic Incident – April 26th - further investigation is being conducted by Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Ice Age Park and Ice Age Trail

Water Level Update – water levels have receded due to dry conditions.

Eagle Scout Project – Aldo Leopold Benches – scout intends to build and donate benches for areas along the Ice Age Trail.

Parks Advisory Committee

Tom Presny and Floyd Finney Re-Appointments – both gentlemen have agreed to reappointment and the Parks Department greatly appreciates their contributions to the department.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in the Community Coordinator's report and presented a PowerPoint for April's activities in the parks.

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

Adjournment. Supervisor Rashkin moved adjournment at 9:40 a.m., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II