



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, October 12, 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 (arrives 8:02 a.m.).

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Josh Smith	Administrator
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager (arrives 8:17 a.m.)

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Dave Homan	County Board Supervisor
Rich Bostwick	County Board Supervisor

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks from September 14, 2021. Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the minutes from September 14, 2021, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Chair Richard corrected the September 14, 2021, minutes to reflect Mr. Sweeney be listed as "Others Present". ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Mawhinney reported the Fall Harvest Days at Carver-Roehl October 3, 2021, had good attendance and was an enjoyable family event.

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Parks Advisory Board Communications. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

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

Parks General

Fall is Here–Switching Over To Fall Duties – crew is mulching and beginning Fall clean-up.
Working On Picnic Table Rehab.
Bathroom Painting - repainting/touch ups needed.

Peace Trail

Trail Trimming – Brush Removal.
Special Thanks To Mid-State Equipment – opportunity given to utilize side mount boom mower was helpful.

Lee Park

Storm Damage – many trees fell during recent storms.
Wood List Participants – permitted wood collectors may be seen collecting wood within the woods' area.

Indianford Park

Well Issues – two water tests were conducted by the Rock County Health Department and found the well unusable at this time. Testing will continue but well is closed until further notice. Powerhouse Repairs – no updates to report.

Gibbs Lake Park

Memorial Bench Donation – the bench donated by the Hagen family will be placed near the boat launch upon arrival (approximately 5-6 weeks).
Plaque Has Arrived.

Carver-Roehl Park

Chainsaw Training Program – DPW Highway will be conducting training November 4, 2021.
Fall Harvest Days October 3rd – festival had good attendance.
Vandalism Issues – Repairs – vandals damaged bathroom doors, soap dispensers, trails (due to horse and dirt bikes' presence), remote library, boulders were moved and tables strewn. A report was filed with the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Friends groups are alert to the vandalism and extra police patrol is beneficial. Supervisor Mulligan will mention patrol to the Towns of Clinton and Bradford at upcoming meetings.

Supervisor Mawhinney mentioned how the Multi-Use Trail Group is impressed by the open communication with the Parks Department.

NRPA Conference

NRPA Conference September 21-21 – Mr. Traynor attended the Conference which was very informative.

Thank You For The Opportunity.

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

Mr. Traynor reported the intent to involve more food trucks in the parks.

Next Parks Meeting Date. Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Executive Session. Supervisor Yeomans moved to go into Executive Session at 8:21 a.m., Supervisor Mulligan seconded per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis Stats - Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney, Mulligan, Rashkin and Yeomans.

8:30 a.m. – Supervisor Rashkin departs.

8:45 a.m. – Supervisor Rashkin arrives.

Supervisor Mulligan moved to end Executive Session at 9:12 a.m., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney, Mulligan, Rashkin and Yeomans.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mulligan moved adjournment at 9:12 a.m., second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hartley, Secretary II