



# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes  
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department- Committee Room  
3715 Newville Road  
Janesville WI 53545

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

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

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Richard

Staff Members:  
Amy Friend Secretary II  
Lori Williams Parks Director

Others Present:  
Floyd Finney Parks Advisory Committee  
Tom Presny Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2017. Supervisor Arnold and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Floyd Finney reported a tree had gone down at Gibbs Lake and also on the Janesville to Milton trail. He stated he hadn't gotten to them yet.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Update and Discussion – Maintenance Estimates for Rye 140 Property. Lori stated she had brought this item back to the committee at Supervisor Richard's request. Lori estimated the cost to maintain the Rye 140 Property would be \$1,800 annually if the property was mowed twice a month for six months. The cost includes one hour of equipment time and two hours of staff time. Lori stated Dean could not be at the meeting today. He sent her an email to share his thoughts on the Rye 140 Property and why he felt it would be an exceptional property for Rock County. Lori shared the email with the committee. Discussion took place on the liability for the County.

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Update and Discussion – Town of Beloit Easement for Beloit to Janesville Trail. Lori stated she had met with town officials and walked the trail. Lori stated the easement may be a better fit in the long run. Lori stated she is waiting on the final legal description to move forward with the Grant. Lori stated this would not require a new Resolution but an amended description which would be attached to the current agreement.

Update and Discussion – ATC New Transmission Line One Time Environmental Fee. Lori stated that it was the Josh Smith's suggestion to put this item on the agenda for the committee to discuss. ATC will be constructing a new transmission line for Alliant Energy. ATC has submitted two options to the PSC for approval. If approved, the County would receive a one-time environmental impact fee. If the preferred route is approved, the fee would be \$796,960. If the alternate route is approved, the fee would be \$830,560. The fee would be paid as soon as ATC begins construction, which they plan to do in 2018. The fee would impact the 2018 budget. Last time the fees were split equally between Land Conservation and the Parks Division. Discussion took place on the splitting of the fees. Discussion took place on the use of funds. It was the consensus of the Committee that the funds should be used for land acquisition and capital projects and not used for maintenance. Chair Bussie requested this item be placed on the next agenda and to ask Josh Smith to attend.

Directors Report. The Directors report was included in the Agenda packet. Lori stated Turtle Community Organization 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Sweet Allyn Park was a success. Sweet Allyn Ballfield is finished with the bases installed. Rock River Trail had it Grand Opening Celebration. Carvel Roehl Erosion project is finished. Lori met with volunteers at the cemetery in Sportsman's Park. Lori stated the Parks was losing a full-time staff member to an outside company. Another full-time staff member is out on medical leave. As of Monday, July 17 the Parks will have one full-time employee and two part-time employees. Lori stated this will be a challenge to get all of the grass mowed. She stated this year has been a very busy rental season. The last two weekends had 12 to 15 rentals.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Executive Session. Supervisor Arnold moved to go into Executive Session at 8:34 a.m., Supervisor Driscoll seconded per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., Discussion on the Possible Purchase of Public Property. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Fox. Supervisor Richard - Absent.

Supervisor Arnold moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:47 a.m., Supervisor Fox seconded. ADOPTED on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Fox. Supervisor Richard - Absent.

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Adjournment. Supervisor Fox and Arnold moved to adjourn at 8:47 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend  
Secretary II