



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, November 9, 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, Mulligan and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Mawhinney and Rashkin.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board

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

Approval of Minutes for Parks from October 12, 2021. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes from October 12, 2021, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Traynor canceled the Executive Session (#8) listed on today's agenda.

Mr. Traynor announced the plaques for the Smith Road bridge have arrived.

Supervisor Richard reported information for the next Highways Committee meeting agenda and stated the November 23 meeting has been rescheduled for November 30, 2021.

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Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Paynter announced candlelight hikes are scheduled at:

- Storrs Lake Park January 15, 2022, with the Ice Age Trail Alliance;
- Gibbs Lake Park January 22, 2022, with the Friends of Rock County Parks; and
- Rockport Park February 12, 2022, with the Friends of Rockport Park.

Mr. Finney reported the meat raffle raised \$2500 for the well at Gibbs Lake.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conversation Aids Grant CC22-54 Funds. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor explained the intended use of the \$4540.31 grant and answered questions from the Committee. ADOPTED.

Parks Manager Report – See Attached: Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report and answered questions from the Committee.

Parks General

Mulching Leaves Time – mulching has begun in the parks.

Working On Winterizing The Parks – Sportsman’s Park bathrooms are closed for the season.

2nd Round Of Pit Pumping – completed.

Piers Are Being Removed – anticipating, as cold weather arrives.

Horse Trails

Trails Are Still Open.

Trails Will Be Closed For The Winter – Weather Dependent.

Multi-Use Trail Group Fundraiser – Nov 7th – Mr. Traynor expressed gratitude and pride in the community’s effort of raising \$2500 for the Gibbs Lake Park well.

Lee Park

Forestry Head Work To Start.

Wood List Participants – Wood Available – those with wood permits may be found in the woods collecting available wood.

Indianford Park

Well Issues Update – Rock County Health Department’s last tests came back safe; two more rounds of tests to go.

Powerhouse Repairs Update – updates have begun.

Gibbs Lake Park

Fish Crib Request – Approval has been given to Mr. Presny, along with the Milton Gathering Place Fishing Club, to build fish cribs on Gibbs Lake again this year when the lake freezes.

Camera Update – continuing research to purchase.

Carver-Roehl Park

Chainsaw Training – Location Has Changed – to the Pelishek-Tiffany Trail.

Vandalism Issues – Repairs Update – new doors expected to be delivered today.

Rental and Revenue Status for 2021

164 Rentals To Date For 2021 Up From 89 In 2020 And 145 In 2019.

Total Of \$22,750 Collected So Far In Rental Fees For 2021.

Boat Launch Fees – Stopped Collecting Oct 31st - \$42,301 Collected As Of 10/19.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached: Ms. Friend presented a Power Point about October events in the parks, reviewed her report and answered questions from the Committee.

Next Parks and Highways Meeting Date. Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works. (The Highways Committee meeting December 28, 2021, is canceled.)

~~Executive Session: 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.~~

Adjournment. Supervisor Mulligan moved adjournment at 8:31 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hartley, Secretary II