



# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## *Highways & Parks*

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.  
Conference Room N-2 – Fifth Floor  
Rock County Courthouse-East

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

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Richard, Fox, Driscoll and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Amy Hartley	Secretary II

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager, Corporate Counsel
Jodi Surber	Analyst

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Zajac moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2019. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Finney, of Rock County Multi-Use Trail Group, announced the fundraiser event at Gibbs Lake September 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. was canceled due to wet conditions.

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## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Resolution – Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for County Conservation Aids Application Grant Funds. Supervisors Zajac and Fox moved the Resolution. Mr. Traynor stated that Ms. Friend has prepared the application and it is ready to process further. The funds, in the past, have been used for State National Areas. This current CCA cycle, we are applying for a canoe/kayak launch for Murwin Park off CTH H. The distribution of the grant with the DNR is 50/50 reimbursement. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Award Contract for Waste Collection Services for the Rock County Department of Public Works – Parks. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved the Contract. Mr. Traynor stated the 2020 bid from Badgerland Disposal for waste collection is nearly a \$12,000 savings from the last three year contract. Mr. Traynor stated Badgerland Disposal is reputable and uses quality trash and recycling containers. Trash collection will continue to be on an as needed rotation. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Maintenance Update – many parks are currently flooded. Due to high water on Lake Koshkonong, the pier at Royce Dallman Park was removed. Removing the pier at Happy Hollow Park is being reviewed.

Bathroom Repairs – Magnolia Bluff and Gibbs Lake – repairs to some ridge caps and a leaky ceiling will be completed.

Trail Work – Repairs – trail repairs are now a priority as mowing season has slowed down.

POROS Plan Update - Status ongoing - the survey was distributed the week of September 16, 2019 via paper, Facebook and the County website. Responses/participation has been high. The results will be reviewed when the survey ends October 14, 2019.

Beckman Mill – despite bad weather, the new playground was erected. Mulch and dirt work are being done, weather permitting. When the concrete cures, the swings will be hung. Completion is expected within the next two weeks.

Carver Roehl - Tree Identification Program complete – Mr. Hessenauer and Ms. Friend attended Fall Harvest Days October 6, 2019. Mr. Hessenauer conducted the tour and the tree plaques are a success. The Parks Department was complimented by attendees who enjoyed the newly placed plaques.

Murwin Park – Emergency Signs Progress Update – signs have not been installed along the Yahara River by PaddleTime yet as water levels are high right now. Emergency Access Completed – two safety gates have been installed at the end of the parking lot. The gate lock is the same used by WI DOT and the combination is known by emergency personnel when access is needed.

Royce Dallman Incident (from August 26, 2019) – due to inclement weather, the repairs to the asphalt will not be completed this year. The Highway Department may have excess product that will suffice until permanent repairs can be made.

Rock Baseball Park – status new information – Mr. Traynor attended Rock Township’s meeting October 7, 2019. The Town of Rock has decided to create a subcommittee to determine progression on Baseball Park. Further updates will be reported in the future.

Community Coordinator Report. Committee members reviewed the report. Ms. Friend discussed Janesville School Outdoor Lab as requested.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting date will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at Rock County Public Works Department.

Adjournment. Supervisors Zajac and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 9:02 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Hartley  
Secretary II