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Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

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
Dave Hoffman	Community Coordinator
Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:

Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2016. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Dean Paynter asked when the Committee minutes are posted on the Internet. Lori will inquire to administration on the general timing.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution For Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds and Amending Budget. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the resolution accepting the grant for \$2,963.00 and amending the budget by (\$537.00). Lori reported this is an increase of \$1000.00 from the normal allotment of funds from the grant. The grant requires a 50% match by the County. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion on Riverside Transmission Line Project and Open House. Lori will attend the meeting American Transmission Company (ATC) is hosting for the Riverside Transmission Line Project. The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, from 4-7 p.m. Lori is interested in the overview of the project and the areas it will

impact. Dean discussed that it may impact the bike trail. Discussion took place on whether any funds would be available from ATC.

Discussion on Umbrella Friend Group (Friends of Rock County Parks). Discussion took place on the forming of an Umbrella Friends Group. Lori stated her and Dave were researching with the State Parks Association about information on forming the group and setting up bylaws. Discussion took place on listing the group on the Parks Facebook page. Discussion took place on the Umbrella Friends Group unifying all of the Parks Groups with common goals during the year. Lori stated her long term goals would have the Umbrella Friends Group partner with the Green Fund. Chair Bussie suggested Lori talk to other counties about their overall friends groups. Tom stated that this Umbrella Friends Group will stand together and be unified with the different parks and different interests. He would like to have this group operating by the start of 2017.

Parks Director Report. The Committee reviewed the Parks Directors Report. Discussion took place on what airlifting the well means. Lori explained it is when they remove the pump, attach a big vacuum and lift everything out of the well. It cleans and chlorinates the well. It gets all of the contaminated debris out of the system. Discussion took place on the canoe launch at Turtle Creek Parkway. Lori stated they are looking for something that is sized appropriately for the location. She would like the launch close to the Iron Bridge area and not close to the building. Dave is researching launches and they will write the specs to solicit bids. Discussion took place on the DeLong property. They would like the view cleaned up but are not willing to sell the property. Discussion took place on the Rye property. Lori and Dean spoke with Andy Rye about donating the land. They didn't hear back from him. Dean will follow up with Andy. Discussion took place about the Trail's grant from the DNR. Lori stated the Parks have not been given the final approval. The project was included in the budget for \$50,000.00. It is a \$45,000.00 Grant that has a 50/50 match. Discussion took place on the Janesville Schools Outdoor Lab (JSOL). The Parks department works with the school district on fishing programs.

Set Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be a joint meeting with the Airport on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Airport.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold and Fox moved to adjourn at 8:29 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II