



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 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 Bussie, Driscoll, Richard, and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Fox.

Staff Members:

Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
John Traynor	Parks Manager

Others Present:

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

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

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2019. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Chair Bussie announced that Supervisor Fox had an unexpected meeting and wouldn't be at the meeting today.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Finney informed the Committee that Trail School was held last week and it went well.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Turtle Community Organization Shopiere Days Celebration Fermented Malt Beverage Permit. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the approval. Mr. Traynor stated this was an annual permit for Shopiere Days. MOTION CARRIED.

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Discussion and Possible Action – Miller Property Naming. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the Miller Property Naming. Mr. Traynor stated the Parks Department had acquired the Miller property but it has not been officially named. He stated Mrs. Miller wanted to be involved in the naming of the property and have the name honor her late husband. Mr. Traynor proposed the name Miller Farm Nature Preserve. Mr. Presny proposed the name of the property have confluence in it. He stated confluence means two bodies of water joining. Discussion took place on the perception of the property to citizens if the title included nature preserve or confluence. Supervisor Bussie requested Mr. Traynor provide the Committee with a list of possible names at the next meeting. Supervisor Bussie motioned to table the naming of the Miller Property until the next Park's meeting. Supervisor Driscoll seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Park Tour – Set Possible Dates and/or Times. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved setting the park tour date and time. Discussion took place on the date and time of the park tour. Supervisor Bussie motioned to schedule the park tour for the next Park's meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor Driscoll seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion – Rock Baseball Park. Mr. Traynor stated the Town of Rock had approached Mr. Jorgenson over a year ago and asked if Rock County was willing to take over the park. Mr. Traynor stated he had talked with Mr. Gunn from the Town of Rock recently about this. Mr. Traynor stated he is bringing this item to the Committee because Mr. Gunn had put it on the Town of Rock agenda and held a public meeting about giving the park to Rock County. The Town of Rock wants the park to remain in the community where people can use it. Discussion took place on benefits, costs, and maintenance of the property. Mr. Traynor stated he has a lot of homework to do on the property and will bring it back to the Committee.

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

Mowing has started and the crew is behind because of the wet weather.

The piers are in except Gibbs Lake. It is a vendor issue.

Tree/Trail Work is continuing but crew continues to struggle with weather issues.

The canister at Royce Dallman boat launch was broken into on May 4th. The estimated loss of boat launch fees is estimated at \$700-\$1,000.

The Secretary is scheduled to start on June 17th. Ms. Friend continues to do both job duties of the Secretary and Community Coordinator.

One summer hire will start on next Monday. The second summer hire does not have a start date.

The Lee Park logging contract that was extended was not completed. The contract is expired and will have to be rebid.

Mr. Traynor did not have an update on Ice Age Park. He is waiting for information from Corporation Counsel.

The Mike Guiselman Memorial bench installation has been completed.

A grant amendment was approved to add the paving of the Peace Trail from Walters Road to the north boundary of the City of Beloit's Big Hill Park. The paving will be completed today.

The Gibbs Lake Park bathroom should be in by the end of June.

Community Coordinator Report. Ms. Friend provided information on the items listed on the Community Coordinator report.

The Rock County Parks Facebook page is being updated regularly with information about Rock County Parks.

Ms. Friend is attending various meetings throughout the month for several friends groups listed in the report.

Worked controlled burn at Gibbs Lake Park with the Parks crew.

The application has been submitted for the 2019-2020 Snowmobile Grant Funds with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Attended and worked at several friends group's events listed in the report.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting date will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to adjourn at 8:52 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Community Coordinator