

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015 – 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

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Fox and Richard

Staff Members:	David Hoffman	Parks Community Coordinator
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Jodi Timmerman	Deputy Corporation Counsel
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Kricket Jewett	Multi-Use Trail Group
	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Sarah Zimmerman	Janesville Gazette

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved today's agenda placing item 4a just after approval of agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Multi-Use Trail Group Presentation. Kricket Jewett gave a presentation to the Committee on the work they have done at various county parks since the group formed in 2002. This presentation will be viewed by the entire County Board at their August 13 meeting.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Dean Paynter stated it was very impressive what the Multi-Use Trail Group has accomplished

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Consider Request from Multi-Use Trail Group for Equine Obstacle Course at Gibbs Lake Park. Lori reported the group is requesting to install five obstacle stations at Gibbs Lake Park. Discussion took place. Lori stated this would be the only park in Rock County with an equine obstacle course, making it unique. It was the Committee's consensus to go forward with the equine obstacle course at Gibbs Lake Park. Jodi Timmerman discussed liability issues and stated this is covered under recreation immunity.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Sportsman's Park Playground Equipment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to award contract to Lee Recreation of Cambridge for \$35,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Request for Memorial Garden at Beckman Mill. Lori reported on the request stating it will replace the herb garden. It will be planted with native perennials. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the request. MOTION CARRIED.

Update/Discussion/Possible Action on Hendricks License Agreement for the Beloit to Janesville Trail. Jodi Timmerman distributed copies of the license agreement to committee members. She explained the history of the easement changing to a license agreement. Discussion on increasing the length of the initial term from five years to ten years took place. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to support the license agreement and directed Jodi Timmerman to negotiate a longer license. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers.  
None.

Parks Director Report. Lori went over project highlights from the last month: candlelight hike at Carver-Roehl with well over 100 attendees; Gibbs Lake fishing event.

Dave reported on the candlelight hike at Carver-Roehl Park. Donations totaled over \$200. This was held in conjunction with the Rock County Conservationists.

Lori stated Dave is working on the 4H Fair and fishing clinics at Gibbs Lake. Additional projects include garlic mustard control, obstacle course at Gibbs Lake, forestry plan at Lee Park and Rock River Water Trail signage. Dave is currently mapping the trails at Magnolia Bluff. Removing invasive species at Turtle Creek Parkway. Lori reported on the recent Turtle Creek Organization's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Repositioning the ball diamond is being budgeted for next year, kayaking Turtle Creek with the Friends Group, Turtle Creek roof replacement, and the Heritage Garden at Beckman Mill. Lori reported the Friends of Welty Center will be moving from the Nest at Beckman Mill to Big Hill Park.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd Finney thanked the Committee for letting us give the presentation on the Multi-Use Group.

Dean Paynter thanked Jodi Timmerman and Lori for their work on the Beloit-Janesville Trail.

Tom Presny asked for more details on parks and Community Coordinator activities and he appreciated receiving more information today. Tom stated it was a spectacular evening at Carver-Roehl Park and estimated there are at least 150 attendees.

Lori stated we are putting signage on Beloit-Janesville trail at Afton Road so that drivers will be aware bikes are crossing.

Next Meeting Date. The next parks meeting will be Tuesday, August 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II