

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.  
Turtle Creek Parkway  
6528 South Smith Road – Clinton, WI

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. at the newly renovated Turtle Creek Parkway facility.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Richard, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney, Dean Paynter and Tom Presny

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary II  
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2013. Supervisors Richard and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Lori Williams informed the Committee that a citizen, Traci Hegg, had created a poster of the tree removed from STH 26 during reconstruction. She is donating the posters to be used as a fundraiser for the Green Fund. The posters are \$10 each. The poster was displayed for the Committee and everyone felt it was a beautiful poster and a good idea to use as a fundraiser.

Supervisor Arnold asked that all County Board members be made aware of this fundraiser.

Supervisor Bussie commented on the beautiful place we are in today.

Ben Coopman related that the Town of Turtle and Town of La Prairie are replacing the Smith Road truss bridge and wondered if it could be used in one of our parks. It is approximately 120' long. This will not happen until maybe 2018.

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

**PARKS BUSINESS**

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Approve Resolution Proclaiming July as Park and Recreation Month. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the resolution. Lori stated this is an annual resolution proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Director Project Report. Lori went over the report with the Committee. Various items on the report were discussed.

Supervisor Richard asked how many friends group we deal with and Lori replied there are 13 different groups.

Chair Yankee asked about the kitten-tails and Lori replied the DNR has approved our proposed trail route and handicapped accessible trail route.

Proposed grant improvements for the Turtle Creek Parkway include a canoe launch and trail. Supervisor Arnold stated she was impressed with the facility we are using today and asked how much was spent to redo the building. Lori stated \$70,000 was budgeted and we have another \$70,000 in grant funds to use. We must match those \$70,000 grant funds with county money.

She will get the brochure on our website in the next few days.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Chair Yankee thanked Tom Presny and Floyd Finney for offering to serve another term on the Parks Advisory Committee. Tom Presny feels the tree poster is a great partnership idea.

Dean reported on the Janesville-Beloit trail. There is now a mowed path in the Town of Beloit from Townline Road to Big Hill Park.

Floyd Finney stated the Multi-Use Group is camping out at Gibbs Lake Park and will be clearing brush from the trails in the park.

The Committee toured the renovated facility and grounds at Turtle Creek Parkway.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, July 9.

Adjournment. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II