

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.  
Department of Public Works Committee Room  
3715 Newville Road - Janesville, WI

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bussie, Brown, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Arnold

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

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Joleen Stinson, Community Coordinator  
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: Dave Somppi, Rock County Community Development Manager

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Brown moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2012. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie announced the WCHA Board of Director's Meeting will be held December 3 in Wausau.

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

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Discussion and Possible Action on Riverside Drive Properties. Mr. Somppi went over the two properties damaged during the 2008 flood and explained a grant will cover the purchase cost of both of them. Discussion on the pros and cons of taking over these properties took place. Supervisor Bussie asked about any hazards with regard to the properties and Mr. Somppi did not know of any underground tanks or anything of that nature. These properties are adjacent to Indianford Park and Lori Williams stated it would make sense to add them to the park. Indianford Park is used mainly for fishing and these properties would add extra acreage to the park.

Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved to move ahead with acquiring these properties.

Discussion on nearby Buck Property took place. Floyd Finney stated the Parks Division is already strapped – we will need to add people. Lori Williams appreciated Floyd's comments. It is more maintenance but we will figure out how we can add it in.

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MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Addition to Beckman Mill Park. Supervisors Fox and Brown moved the item. Joleen explained there is property adjacent to Beckman Mill County Park that is for sale. She distributed a map of the location and showed the Committee the corner that is adjacent to the park. There are approximately 120 acres for sale. She explained if we use Stewardship Funds we would have to allow hunting. Currently hunting is not allowed in any county park. Supervisor Fox commented that unless Parks has some vision to incorporate this with Beckman Mill Park and assuming we could buy it for a reasonable price, he doesn't think we would be interested in purchasing it. The Committee suggested waiting for the property owner to come forward.

Parks Donation Policy. Chair Yankee was glad to see this on the agenda. He would like to make some changes. He would like to change *County* to *Rock County Parks Division*. Supervisor Brown asked if there was a section on our website listing all donations made to county parks. Lori stated not at the present time. Supervisor Brown would like to see a section added to the website. Ben Coopman suggested adding naming rights. Lori and Joleen will make the changes and put it on a future agenda.

Project Report. The Committee had no questions. Supervisor Bussie stated when she sees Joleen's name, it shows her participation.

Lori reported on the DeLong property acquisition and reported on the progress of the Turtle Creek Parkway building work. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Parks Advisory Committee Comments. Tom Presny reported the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association recognized Lori for 25 years of public service at its annual conference.

Ben Coopman stated Joleen was WPRA annual state conference organizing chair and very involved with planning the conference.

Lori stated Joleen has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Leadership Academy in February.

Dean Paynter discussed the Beloit-Janesville Bike Trail. They met with Diane Hendricks and walked some of the property. The Rock Trail Coalition met with the Town of Beloit and laid out a temporary route to Big Hill Park.

Dean also discussed the possibility of this trail being designated as a State Bike Trail which would open up more funding possibilities. He could invite the State Coordinator to attend a future meeting of this Committee if the Committee is interested. Discussion. Ben Coopman discussed the Trans 75 law requiring counties to include bike paths when reconstructing roadways using state or federal funds.

Supervisor Fox departed.

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The Committee was in favor of inviting the State Coordinator to a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, December 11.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Approve Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved to purchase one extended cab International Truck Chassis and Signing Body, Mounted, from Flannegan Western for \$141,270.46. Mike Turk recommends the purchase. Supervisor Bussie asked why we did not receive more bids. He explained this is a very unique vehicle. Bids were sent out to three bidders plus we did advertise for bids. Only one bid was received. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Lease with Intercon Construction for Space at Kuffer Pit. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the lease with Intercon Construction for \$150 per month. Ben explained we have been charging this company \$80 per month for space at Kuffer Pit and have not raised the rent in 12 years. He is recommending a rental rate of \$150 per month which is more representative of the current value. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II