

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.
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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes Dated July 14, 2020
4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
5. Parks Advisory Board Communications
6. **PARKS BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution – Authorizing Alliant Energy Utility Easement – Indianford Park
 - b. Parks Manager Report – See Attached
 - c. Community Coordinator Report – See Attached
7. **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution – Authorizing A Petition For An At-Grade Rail Crossing
8. Next Parks Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works
9. Adjournment

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department- Committee Room

3715 Newville Road

Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 8:01 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Richard, Mulligan, Rashkin, Mawhinney and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Rich Greenlee	Corporation Counsel
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

Others Present:

Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Richard Bostwick	Rock County Board Member
Alan Sweeney	Rock County Board Member
Everett Reese	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Levi Olson	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Steve Fausnaugh	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Erica Keehn	Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs
Richard Plautz	Sundowners Snowmobile Club President
John Sweeney	Sundowners Snowmobile Club Member
Robert Shumaker	Citizen
Harold Dettinger	Citizen
Kate Fuchs	Citizen
Rodney Bruzinski	Citizen
Jackie (unknown LN)	Citizen

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2020. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ms. Hartley read four emails received from the community regarding the Sundowners Snowmobile Club.

Mr. Reese, Rock County Snowmobile Alliance Travel Coordinator, reported that the WI DNR supervises and has authority over the trails. The Alliance formed in 1981 to maintain trail safety to include grooming and sign placement. The Sundowners Snowmobile Club chose to leave the Alliance January 20, 2020. Mr. Reese stated he received unnecessary threatening e-mails from Mr. Shumaker on this subject.

Ms. Keehn, President of Rock County Snowmobile Alliance Club, explained her desire to continue a partnership with the county. Ms. Keehn reported to have received intimidating e-mails from Sundowners Snowmobile Club members.

Mr. Bruzinski explained he would like to maintain a good relationship with all.

Mr. Plautz reported to have had several discussions with the Snowmobile Alliance regarding the Sundowners Snowmobile Club's desire to leave the Alliance. Mr. Plautz reported landowners feel the same. Mr. Plautz reported the Club's departure and continuance to serve the area would not disturb the safety of the trail.

Mr. Dettinger reported best practice in the past has been all clubs working together; volunteerism is appreciated and done at one's own discretion, but never compensated.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Presny and Mr. Finney reported how nice it is to see a lot of outdoor activity as families utilize the parks. The parks look great!

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Conservation Aids Application Grant Funds. Supervisor Mawhinney approved the resolution, second by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Yeomans questioned in what areas can grants be used? Mr. Traynor responded that the grants may be utilized in several different approved areas and are non-specific. ADOPTED.

Discussion – Boat Launch User Fees and Fines (See Attached). Mr. Traynor reviewed and explained the attachments and the payment tracking process for boat launch fees. The lake access fee (launch fee) pays for improving and maintaining the parks. Kayak launch fees are per vehicle, not per vessel. This regulation was implemented pre-2008. If a patron fails to pay the

launch fee, a warning citation of \$169 is issued and resolution is sought. Supervisor Mulligan suggested creating non-resident incentives to utilize the parks and/or launches. Supervisor Mawhinney suggested review of the park fees, including shelter rental fees.

Discussion – Snowmobile Club Status Update. Mr. Greenlee discussed and explained the Snowmobile Alliance contract: its purpose, renewal, the action of the alliance and volunteering. Rock County Corporation Counsel and Parks Manager explained that it is in the best interest of the County to continue to contract with the Alliance.

Parks Manager Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report.

Parks General

Park Usage Update – the crew is busy. There has been an increase in traffic as the parks are inadvertently promoted due to the worldwide health crisis.

Parking Log Striping – Royce Dallman, Beckman Mill, Gibbs Lake – striping is complete and done well.

Trail Maintenance Status – ongoing, as a result of weather conditions.

Septic Service – Pit Toilet Pumping Completed – company doing great job.

POROS Plan Update

Final Steps of the POROS Process – The County Board has approved the final submission and the plan is nearing completion. The interactive map is being finalized.

Park Reservation and Bathrooms

Review of Current Status – bathrooms in all the parks are open (approved by Corporation Counsel) with current COVID-19 signage. There have been eighteen park reservation cancellations thus far due to the health crisis.

Grant Applications

Update on Peace Trail Application – awaiting federal approval for the Peace Trail project.

Gibbs Lake Park

Boat Launch Work – Bollards, Blacktop Repair – bollards will be placed at the piers to prevent collisions.

Horse Lot – Posts – research is being done to obtain replacement posts for the current horse lot posts.

Sweet-Allyn Park

Ball Field Rehab – leveling is needed. Mr. Traynor is working with some local farmers to donate their services.

Memorial Bench Request – placement expected to be alongside the creek at no cost to the Parks Department.

Turtle Creek Parkway

Smith Road Bridge Progress – reconstruction is on schedule and may be finalized by August 31, 2020.

Memorial Update – John Vogel – discussions continue. The memorial is expected to be placed on the pathway, near the kayak launch.

Indianford Park

Trash Problems – the need to empty receptacles increases due to the surge in park attendance.

Alliant Energy Fiber-Optic Crossing – discussions continue.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Horse Lot Repair – Pursuing 2021 CIP for Magnolia Bluff and Gibbs Lake horse lots.

Toilet Repairs – Ridge Cap and Painting – toilets have been repaired to include a ridge cap to prevent continued deterioration from water flow.

Royce Dallman Park

Pier Repairs – all new bumpers have been installed.

Gravel Shoulder Upgrades – completed.

Crew Update

Update on Personnel and Work Needs – Parks has a full staff working diligently, however, continue to need more personnel to keep up with demands.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend provided information on the items listed in her report. Supervisor Richards requested the status of the tree identification project at Carve-Roehl Park. Ms. Friend reported the project is nearing completion.

Next Parks Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works. (There will be no August 2020 Parks Meeting.)

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved to adjourn at 9:28 a.m., second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John Traynor
Initiated by

Public Works & Parks
Advisory Committee
Submitted by



John Traynor, Parks Manager
Drafted By

September 1st, 2020
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO ALLIANT ENERGY TO CROSS INDIANFORD PARK

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County owns Indianford Park existing on both East and West sides of the Rock
- 2 River, and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy desires to obtain an easement across a portion of the said property for
- 5 the purpose of boring underneath the Rock River as part of a project to install a Fiber Optic
- 6 Communications Line; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, a fee of \$500.00 has been stipulated; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, because the project will have a potentially long-term effect on the Park, it will have to
- 11 be approved by the appropriate committees and Rock County Board of Supervisors.
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- 13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 14 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020, that they approve the easement and right-of-
- 15 way for Alliant Energy to cross Indianford Park and authorize the County Board Chair and County
- 16 Clerk to sign all documents to complete this transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Rick Richard, Chair

Kara Purviance, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Rich Bostwick, Vice Chair

Mike Mulligan

Tom Brian

Yuri Rashkin

Kevin Leavy

Bob Yeomans

Louis Peer

J. Russell Podzilni

Alan Sweeny

Bob Yeomans

Jeremy Zajac

FISCAL NOTE:

Little to no fiscal impact.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 51.52(6), 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO
ALLIANT ENERGY TO CROSS INDIANFORD PARK

The Rock County Parks Department received a request from Alliant Energy to obtain a permanent easement for the installation of a Fiber Optic Communications Line. The proposed easement is in the southern half of a Rock County owned parcel, where the Indianford Park is located. The Park has been under Park possession since 1962.

This Communication Lines purpose is to provide internal communications within Alliant Energy. The line is to be bored throughout the Indianford Park as a means to cross the Rock River and minimize potential future disturbance of the line. Alliant Energy is proposing the installation of the Communication Line in the Southern half of the Park to avoid any conflicts with existing utilities currently buried at that location.

The proposed Communication Line should not interfere with current or future operations of the 1.2 acre site.

Alliant Energy is agreeable to compensating Rock County \$500.00 for the easement. This value is based on land value information obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Document No.

**EASEMENT UNDERGROUND
COMMUNICATION**

The undersigned **Grantor(s) County of Rock, (hereinafter called the "Grantor")**, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$500.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, convey and warrant unto **Wisconsin Power and Light Company, a Wisconsin corporation, (hereinafter called the "Grantee")**, the Grantee's successors and assigns, the perpetual right and easement to construct, install, maintain, operate, repair, inspect, replace, add, relocate and remove the Designated Facilities, as indicated below, upon, in, over, through and across lands owned by the Grantor **in the Town of Fulton, County of Rock, State of Wisconsin**, the Easement Area being described as follows:

See Exhibit A for the legal description and Exhibit B for a map of said Easement Area.

This Easement is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Designated Facilities:** This easement is for underground communication line facilities, including but not limited to conduit, cables, above ground electric pad-mount transformers, secondary pedestals, riser equipment and other appurtenant equipment associated with underground communication line facilities.
2. **Access:** The Grantee and its agents shall have the right of reasonable ingress and egress to, over and across the Grantor's land adjacent to the Easement Area.
3. **Buildings and Structures:** The Grantor agrees within the Easement Area not to construct or place buildings, structures, or other improvements, or place water, sewer or drainage facilities; all without the express written consent of the Grantee.
4. **Tree Trimming:** The Grantee has the right to trim or remove trees, bushes and brush within the Easement Area without replacement or compensation hereinafter.
5. **Restoration and Damages:** The Grantee shall restore, cause to have restored or pay a reasonable sum for all damages to property, caused by the construction, maintenance or removal of said Designated Facilities.
6. **Reservation of use by the Grantor:** The right is hereby expressly reserved to the Grantor, the heirs, successors and assigns, of every use and enjoyment of said land within the Easement Area consistent with rights herein granted.
7. **Binding Effect:** This agreement is binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto, and shall run with the lands described herein.

Record this document with the Register of Deeds

Name and Return Address:

Alliant Energy
Attn: Real Estate Department
4902 North Biltmore Lane
Madison, WI 53718-2148

Parcel Identification Number(s)

012 060041 (6-6-321.21)
012 060042 (6-6-321.22)

WITNESS the signature(s) of the Grantor this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

County of Rock

_____(SEAL)
Signature

_____(SEAL)
Signature

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name

_____(SEAL)
Signature

_____(SEAL)
Signature

Printed Name and Title

Printed Name

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF ROCK) SS

Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, the above named _____

_____ to me known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Signature of Notary

Printed Name of Notary

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My Commission Expires (is) _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) SS

Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, the above named _____

_____ to me known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Signature of Notary

Printed Name of Notary

Notary Public, State of _____

My Commission Expires (is) _____

This instrument drafted by: Peter A. Chen

Checked by: Brian S. Cooke

134525_WPL UG Communication Easement
August 31, 2020

Project Title:	Indianford Park Easement
ERP Activity ID:	
Tract No.:	1 of 1
REROW #:	134525

EXHIBIT A

An easement for communication line facilities across a part of Lots 1 and 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 1689601, as recorded on December 9, 2004, in Volume 28, on Pages 76-79 of Certified Survey Maps of Rock County, Wisconsin, and being a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 12 East, Town of Fulton, Rock County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:

A 25-foot wide easement strip across a part of said Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 1689601, the centerline being described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest (NW) corner of said Lot 2, also being located on the most westerly line of said Lot 2; thence North $89^{\circ}43'31''$ East, 12.51 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South $01^{\circ}41'02''$ West, 133.94 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}43'31''$ East, 27.96 feet to a point on the meander line; thence South $86^{\circ}44'52''$ East, 305.76 feet to a point on the southeasterly line of said Lot 2, and there terminating, said point hereinafter referred to as Point "D".

The side margins of the easement strip are lengthened or shortened to end at the property lines that are intersected by the above described centerline.

Also, a 25-foot wide easement strip across a part of said Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 1689601, the centerline being described as follows:

Beginning at aforementioned Point "D"; thence South $86^{\circ}44'52''$ East, 234.61 feet to a point on the southwesterly line of said Lot 1, thence South $89^{\circ}07'34''$ East, 72.20 feet to a point on the westly right-of-way margin of C.T.H. "F", and there terminating.

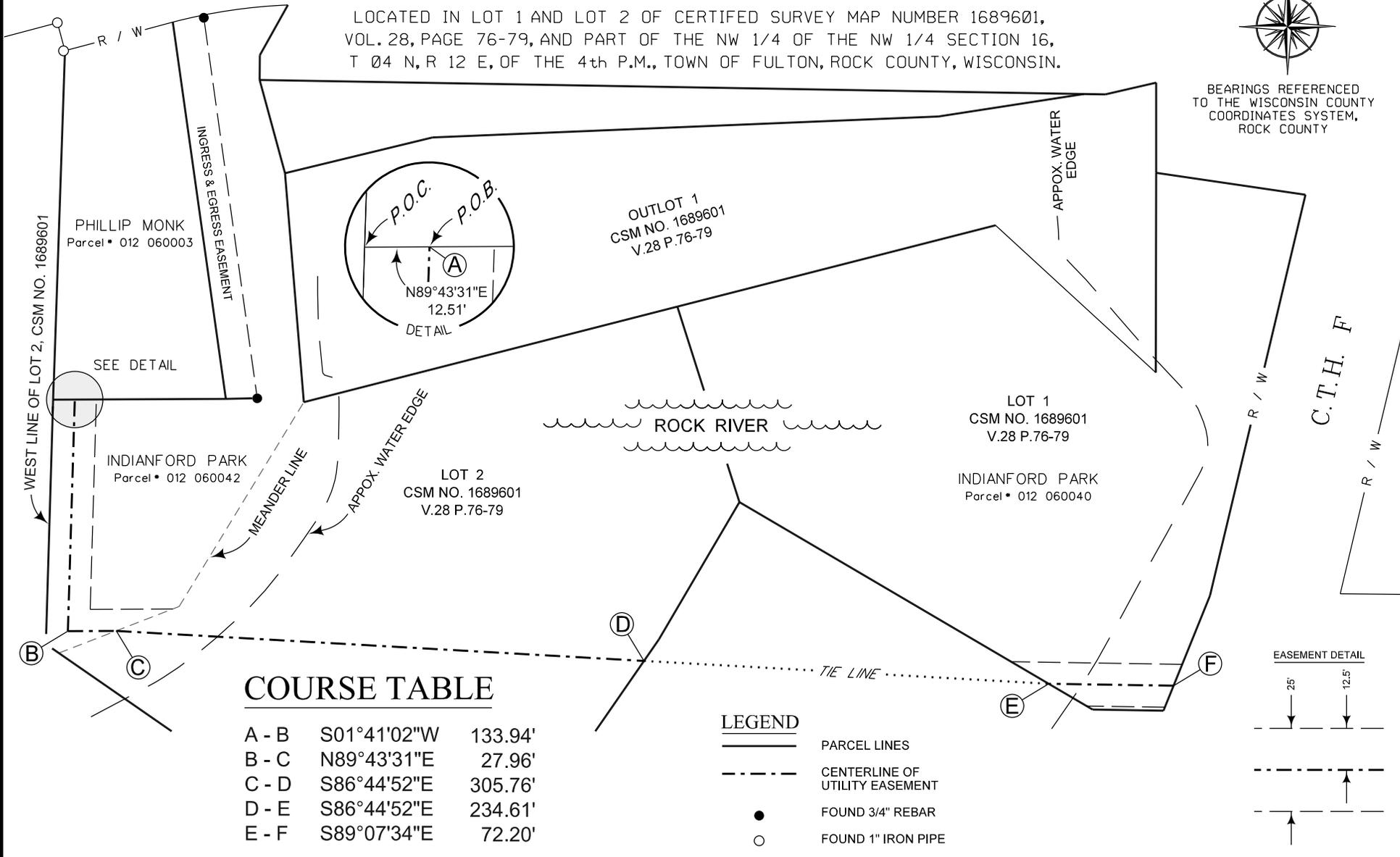
The side margins of the easement strip are lengthened or shortened to end at the property lines that are intersected by the above described centerline.

EXHIBIT B

LOCATED IN LOT 1 AND LOT 2 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 1689601,
VOL. 28, PAGE 76-79, AND PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 SECTION 16,
T 04 N, R 12 E, OF THE 4th P.M., TOWN OF FULTON, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN.



BEARINGS REFERENCED
TO THE WISCONSIN COUNTY
COORDINATES SYSTEM,
ROCK COUNTY



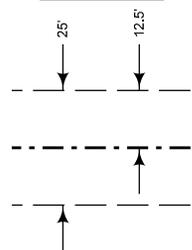
COURSE TABLE

A - B	S01°41'02"W	133.94'
B - C	N89°43'31"E	27.96'
C - D	S86°44'52"E	305.76'
D - E	S86°44'52"E	234.61'
E - F	S89°07'34"E	72.20'

LEGEND

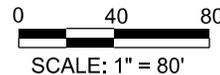
- PARCEL LINES
- CENTERLINE OF UTILITY EASEMENT
- FOUND 3/4" REBAR
- FOUND 1" IRON PIPE

EASEMENT DETAIL



This drawing shall be used solely for easement description purposes and thus may only be relied upon for such purpose.

If this bar does not measure 1" then drawing is not to scale.



WP&L UTILITY EASEMENT MAP

PROPERTY OWNER / EASEMENT GRANTOR:
ROCK COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Drawn: TJT

Date: 08/27/2020

Scale: 1" = 80'

SHEET 1 OF 1



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Parks Manager Report

September 2020

Parks General

- Park Usage Update – School Beginning
- Mowing Status – Trail Maintenance
- Septic Service – Second Round Being Scheduled
- Badgerland Dumpster Contract
- 2021 Budget Work

POROS Plan Update

- Still Working with IT on the Interactive Map

Boat Launches

- Current Status of Collection

Grant Applications

- Magnolia Bluff – Good Oaks LLC
- Lee Park Brush Work Scheduling

Gibbs Lake Park

- Boat Launch Work
- Horse Lot – Posts

Sweet-Allyn Park

- Memorial Tree Planting Aug 9th
- Memorial Bench Status

Turtle Creek Parkway

- Smith Road Bridge Progress
- Kayak Launch Update

Sportsmans Park

- Fence Repairs
- Lions Club Meeting – Parks Presentation

Magnolia Bluff Park

- Incidents and Damages

Beckman Mill Park

- Stolen Car Incident
- Law Enforcement Correspondence

Murwin Park

- Update on Kayak Launch
- Correspondence



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Community Coordinator Report

August 2020

- Update Rock County Parks Website.
- Post Daily on Rock County Parks Facebook Page – 515 Followers & 478 Likes (8/31/2020).
- Post Daily on Rock County Parks Instagram – 339 Followers (8/31/2020).
- Contact with Friends groups about any issues with parks.
- Daily visits to various Rock County Parks to check conditions, traffic, and litter. Take pictures of activity in parks and staff working.
- Maintain log and follow up with Boat Launch Violations.
- Prepare Purchase Orders for Park expenses.
- Working with Information Technology (Mike) and Planning Department (Jennifer) to get interactive map on Parks Website.
- Carver-Roehl Tree ID Course – field work and brochure – **Completed.**
- Beckman Mill Maintenance Manual – working on updates.
- Meet with Lori Muller (Mothers Garden) at Beckman Mill about water issues and tilling area.
- Submitted documentation for final payment of \$16,212.04 for 2019-2020 (S-5382) DNR Snowmobile Grant.
- Documenting expenses for Grant S-ADLP3-13-1179.6 for work at Turtle Creek Parkway.
- Documenting expenses for Grant CC-18-54WM for work at Magnolia Bluff Park.
- Preparing application for County Conservation Aids Grant for Lee Park cleanup.
- Prepare Resolution to accept 2020-2021 DNR Snowmobile Grant S-5522.
- Check progress with volunteer for senior project donation of (4) Aldo Leopold benches.
- Lead person on Rock & Wellness WaterWorks! Challenge. Coordinate registrations, send weekly emails, and track completed participants.
- Assisting with various duties during Secretary's absence.
- Trailtessa Virtual presentation (8/4)
- Work Day Rock County MUTG at Gibbs Lake (8/4)
- Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association COVID-check in (8/5)
- Playgrounds Must be Accessible and Safe Webinar Part 1 WPRA (8/5)
- Lions Club Meeting at Sportsman's Park (8/18)
- Friends of Beckman Mill Meeting (8/20)
- Rock N Wellness Committee Meeting (8/25)
- Rock County Ice Age Trail Meeting (8/25)
- Parks Budget Meeting (8/27)
- Prepare CC Report for August Meeting (8/31)

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Duane Jorgenson, Public Works Director &
James Otterstein, Economic Development
Manager

DRAFTED BY

August 26, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR AN AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSING

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Milton has requested support in petitioning the Office of the
2 Commissioner of Railroads for an investigation into installing a rail crossing across CTH M in the
3 vicinity of Putnam Parkway; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the addition of the rail crossing is necessary to promote public safety and
6 convenience in facilitating the further development of an industrial area while mitigating the
7 amount of heavy traffic on nearby city streets and county highways; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Departments of Public Works and Planning and Development have
10 reviewed the proposed concept and will be involved in and have input in the location of the
11 proposed crossing; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Section 195.29 of Wisconsin State Statutes authorizes the Office of the
14 Commissioner of Railroads to determine the advisability of allowing a new crossing to be
15 established and manner of making it.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
18 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 that the Rock County staff is hereby
19 directed to take all necessary steps to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to
20 determine the advisability of allowing a new crossing to be established and the manner in making
21 it.
22

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County staff shall comply with Chapter 195 of
24 Wisconsin State Statutes, and RR 1.025 of Wisconsin Administrative Code in the filing of the
25 petition.

Respectively submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rich Richard, Chair

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina, Vice Chair

Mike Mulligan

Wes Davis

Yuri Rashkin

J. Russell Podzilni

Bob Yeomans

Robert Potter

AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR AN AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSING

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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact at this time.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ *Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ *Josh Smith*

Josh Smith
County Administrator

-EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-

AUTHORIZING PETITION FOR AN AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSING

The City of Milton is currently investigating the potential to expand rail service to the eastern portion of their Crossroads Business Park. The potential rail extension is intended to extend from an existing rail spur located south of STH 59 and head in an easterly direction parallel to Putnam Parkway. The exact location is not known at this time, but a new crossing of CTH M would be needed.

Whenever a rail crossings are created or altered, a petition must be filed with the Office of Railroad Commission (ORC). This resolution would begin that petition process for the potential new crossing. The passing of this resolution does not obligate the County to move forward with the new crossing, but it is required by the ORC if the petition process is to move forward. In the event the rail extension plan does not move forward or is determined to not be necessary and the new crossing is not needed, the petition would not be officially filed and no further work would commence.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane M. Jorgenson Jr., P.E.
Director of Public Works

James Otterstein
Economic Development Manager