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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY – JUNE 8, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.
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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes Dated May 11, 2021
4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
5. Parks Advisory Board Communications
6. **PARKS BUSINESS**

 - a. Discussion – Camp Indian Trail Update
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action – Park Fees
 - c. Parks Manager Report – See Attached
 - d. Community Coordinator Report – See Attached
7. Next Parks Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works
8. Adjournment

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

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

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
John Traynor	Parks Manager
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Josh Smith	County Administrator
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager
Richard Greenlee	Corporation Counsel

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Rich Bostwick	County Board Chair
Ben Rohr	VandeWalle & Associates
Blake Theisen	Parkitecture
Carolyn Brandeen	Ice Age Trail Member
Edward Medere	Ice Age Trail & Alliance Member
Neil Deupree	Green/Rock Audubon Society
Thomas Kautz	Rock County Resident
Les Davis	Rock County Resident
William Summers	Rock County Resident
Dennis James	President, Friends of Rock County Parks

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

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Approval of Minutes for Parks from April 13, 2021. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes from April 13, 2021, second by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Medere, Mr. James, Ms. Brandeen, Mr. Kautz, Mr. Deupree and Mr. Paynter expressed the importance and support Rock County moving forward on the acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Ms. Hartley read supportive letters from Mr. Kautz, Mr. Finney and Mr. Presny regarding the same.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Paynter expressed support for the Resolution-Support, Renew and Fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Support, Renew and Fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the resolution, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Traynor explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Turtle Community Organization June 22-28, 2021, Celebration Fermented Malt Beverage Permit. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the permit, second by Supervisor Rashkin. Mr. Traynor explained the permit and answered questions from the committee. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Moving Forward on Acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Supervisor Rashkin approved moving forward on the acquisition, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Supervisor Mawhinney moved, in principle, to utilize the Rock County 2022 sales tax for the purchase and maintenance of the Camp Indian Trails. All committee members voted in favor. Mr. Traynor explained and answered questions regarding the acquisition of Camp Indian Trails. Mr. Rohr and Mr. Theisen reviewed their presentations and answered questions from the committee regarding Camp Indian Trails. Mr. Smith answered questions presented by the committee. ADOPTED.

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

Parks General

Maintenance Update – mowing has started.

Park Clean-up – downed branches from winter are being cleaned up.

Grant Update

Lee Park Grant Payment Received April 15th - \$5000 – grant was used for forestry work and is now complete.

Stewardship Grant Applied For – application complete for Peace Trail grant.

20-21 Snowmobile Trail Aids Grant – Final Payment Requested – Grant has been amended and received.

Beckman Mill Park

Volunteer Day – Blackhawk Tech – radiology students volunteered and did a great job helping with clean up in the parks.

Sweet-Allyn Park

Playground Replacement Work Update – Lee Recreation and highway employees helped install the playground. The border will be completed with a concrete.

Turtle Rehabilitation – one of the three metal turtles in the park needs painting.

Gibbs Lake and Magnolia Bluff Horse Trails

Horse Trails Are Open – Work Still Needs to be Done – the horse trails were opened April 30, 2021. Hydroseeding has yet to produce due to dry conditions.

May 15th Event at Gibbs Lake – An obstacle course is planned for the weekend of May 15, 2021, by the Mutli-Use Trail Group.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Installation of Last Two Aldo Leopold Benches – Bailey Langton – the last two benches were installed.

Traffic Incident – April 26th - further investigation is being conducted by Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Ice Age Park and Ice Age Trail

Water Level Update – water levels have receded due to dry conditions.

Eagle Scout Project – Aldo Leopold Benches – scout intends to build and donate benches for areas along the Ice Age Trail.

Parks Advisory Committee

Tom Presny and Floyd Finney Re-Appointments – both gentlemen have agreed to reappointment and the Parks Department greatly appreciates their contributions to the department.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in the Community Coordinator's report and presented a PowerPoint for April's activities in the parks.

Next Parks Meeting Date. Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. at Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Rashkin moved adjournment at 9:40 a.m., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II

Rock County Parks - 2021

Park Reservations, Permits and Boat Launch Fees

**** - ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE - ****

- Picnic Shelters Per Day with Electricity/\$50 Early Request Holding Fee (for 2022+)-

	<u>Rock County Resident (RCR)</u>	<u>Non-Resident (NR)</u>	
Carver-Roehl Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	Payments due one week after reservation is made. Cash & checks only. Reservations should be made at least one week in advance. Shelter permits come with free Beer/Wine Permit. A \$50 holding fee is required for reservations 1-3 years in advance. Weekday (Mon-Thur)/Weekend (Fri-Sun) Weekend (Fri-Sun) Rate \$600 RCR/\$700 NR
Carver-Roehl Gazebo	\$50.00	\$75.00	
Gibbs Lake Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	
W.L. Sportsman's Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	
Beckman Mill Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	
Royce Dallman Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	
Sweet-Allyn Park	\$100.00	\$125.00	
Magnolia Bluff (No Electricity or Shelter)	\$50.00	\$75.00	
Lee Park (No Electricity)	\$50.00	\$75.00	
Turtle Creek Parkway	\$150/250	\$175/300	
Beer/Wine Permit	\$25.00	\$30.00	

- Ball Diamonds -

Sweet-Allyn and Lee Parks	\$10.00	\$20.00	Per Game
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- Metal Detection Permits -

Annual Permit Per Person	\$30.00	\$40.00	Metal detecting at Beckman Mill County Park is strictly prohibited.
Annual Senior 62 or Over	\$15.00	\$20.00	
Disabled	\$10.00	\$10.00	

- Firewood Collection Permits -

Annual Permit Per Person	\$25.00	Only for Rock County Residents
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- Special Event/Park Areas -

Special event charges include any structure larger than a pop-up tent or using any extra park space outside the shelter area.	1-2 day event <500	\$100.00 per day
	1-2 day event >500	\$200.00 per day
	3-4 day event <1000	\$150.00 per day
	3-4 day event >1000	\$250.00 per day

- Snowshoe Rental Fees -

Daily (24 hours)	Weekend (Fri-Mon)
\$12/adult pair	\$16/adult pair
\$6/youth pair	\$10/youth pair

- Boat Landings/Water Access Vehicle Fee -

	<u>Rock County Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	
Royce Dallman (daily)	\$8.00	\$10.00	Launch fees are for any watercraft including but not limited to: boats of all sizes, kayaks and canoes. No fee is necessary if parking to hike trails. Annual stickers are available for purchase starting March 1 of each year.
Happy Hollow (daily)	\$8.00	\$10.00	
Gibbs Lake (daily)	\$8.00	\$10.00	
Annual Sticker	\$40.00	\$50.00	
2 nd Car Duplicate (annual)	\$10.00	\$15.00	
Annual Senior 62 or Over	\$20.00	\$25.00	
Disabled (annual)	\$10.00	\$15.00	

Boat Landing Fees Are In Effect April 15 – October 31 Regardless Of Piers Being Installed.

Failure to comply with boat landing permits may result in a citation of \$169.00. Rock County Sheriffs, Park Staff
And WDNR Wardens have the authority to enforce this ordinance.



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Parks Manager Report

June 2021

Parks General

- Things are Picking Up
- Rental Update

Grant Update

- Magnolia Bluff County Conservation Grant – Applied for Reimbursement
- Working on Gathering Information for Next County Conservation Grant Due in October

Beckman Mill Park

- Memorial Bench Install
- Mill Days Update
- FORCP – Bike Ride – May 22nd

Sweet-Allyn Park

- Playground Replacement Work Update
- Turtle and Memorial Plaque Placement

Gibbs Lake Park

- Trail Riding Event – May 15th
- Parking Lot Light Install

Magnolia Bluff Park

- Dog vs Horse Incident
- Point Fence Repair

Ice Age Trail

- Eagle Scout Project – Aldo Leopold Benches
- Meeting – Future Trail Development – June 3rd
- Walk Across Rock County



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Community Coordinator Report

May 2021

- Update Rock County Parks Website.
- Post Daily on Rock County Parks Facebook Page – 1,158 Followers & 1,054 Likes.
- Post Daily on Rock County Parks Instagram – 867 Followers.
- Contact with Friends groups about any issues with parks.
- Turtle Creek Parkway showing for rentals.
- Daily visits to various Rock County Parks to check conditions, traffic, and litter. Take pictures of activity in parks and staff working.
- Prepare Purchase Orders for Parks expenses.
- Maintain log and follow up with Boat Launch Violations.
- Review Camp Indian Trail information for May 11th Public Work Committee Meeting.
- Coordinate planning and promoting with Friends of Rock County Parks (FORCP) for Bike Ride – May 22nd – starting and ending at Beckman Mill Park.
- Follow up with David Hoffman from Midwest Prairies to complete grant work at Magnolia Bluff.
- Complete and Submit County Conservation Aids Grant CC-1854WM Payment Request for \$3,118.47 for Magnolia Bluff State Natural Area Ecological Restoration.
- Correspondence with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on Stewardship Local Assistance, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, & Recreation Trail Program Grant Application questions for paving 3.63 miles of the Peace Trail from W. Tripp Road – Duggan Road.
- Coordinate with Orfordville Public Library on book donation for StoryWalk at Beckman Mill Park.
- Correspondence with Claire Gray from Children’s Museum of Rock County on a joint collaboration of a Fairy/Gnome Trail in a Rock County Park.
- Correspondence with Lori Muller – Mothers’ Garden at Beckman Mill.
- Correspondence with Rock County 4-H Fair – Rock County Parks Booth.
- Meet Jennifer Ruse at Happy Hollow Park and discuss volunteer work on the horse trails. (5/4)
- Rock County Snowmobile Alliance Meeting. (5/5)
- Rock County Parks Committee Meeting. (5/11)
- Vacation. (5/11-5/14)
- Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association (WPRA) Monthly Membership Meeting. (5/12)
- Rock County Council on Aging - Mobility Management Wednesday Walk at Beckman Mill Wetlands led by Jim Hessenauer. (5/19)
- Using Signage to Turn your Trail into a Destination Webinar. (5/20)
- Friends of Beckman Mill Meeting. (5/20)
- Meet Cameron Boggess to sign final paperwork and discuss work dates for his Eagle Scout Project on Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail. (5/21)
- Friends of Rock County Parks Bike Ride Beckman Mill. (5/22)
- Rock County Chapter Ice Age Trail Meeting. (5/25)