

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department Committee Room

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

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Fox

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Richard

Staff Members: Deb Lawton Secretary II  
Lori Williams Parks Director

Others Present: Theresa Allen-Hubka Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Foundation  
Dean Paynter Parks Advisory Committee  
Tom Presny Parks Advisory Committee  
Tod Stanton Design Perspectives

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved today's agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the minutes of June 10, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Vice-Chair Bussie asked Lori about arranging a tour of the parks. Lori will arrange a tour later in the year.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Consider Request from Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Foundation for a Cantilever Observation Platform Project at Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail. Theresa Allen-Hubka discussed the project on behalf of Gerry Pelishek. Mr. Pelishek wants to build an observation deck on the trail about ¼ mile from the parking lot on CTH K in Walworth County. They are looking for permission to begin the project. The project will be funded through donations. Lori supports this project and is going to inform Walworth County of the project. She will prepare a Letter of Agreement between the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Foundation and the County. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to approve the request from the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Foundation to construct a cantilevered observation platform project at Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail. MOTION CARRIED.

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POROS Plan Visioning Session. Future Vision Discussion and Committee Questionnaire Completion. Tod Stanton discussed the vision of the County Park system. What are the biggest challenges facing Rock County Parks? Supervisor Fox replied resources; Supervisor Arnold replied purchasing more land; Tom Presny mentioned budget and staff constraints and Floyd Finney stated we need more manpower. Lori stated her peers are amazed when she tells them we take care of 1100 acres with only three full-time employees and one seasonal employee.

Discussion on shelter rental fees took place. Lori stated she felt our fees are fair and competitive.

Tod asked for the top three goals. The top goal is to purchase more park land, be opportunistic in purchasing land and do not over pay and support advisory groups. Floyd Finney and Tom Presny agreed.

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

Parks Director Report. Lori reported on several items:

- Turtle Community Organization's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Sweet-Allyn Park took place. Some volunteers installed a walkway in a flood plain. Lori is working with the DNR on this.
- Magnolia Bluff Trail project is wrapping up.
- Gibbs Lake shelter – the electricity is now in place.
- Carver-Roehl trail to the gazebo is done.
- The Delphi Committee is up and running. Supervisor Bussie asked for a list of Delphi Committee members.
- In regard to the Delong property, Lori is trying to get in touch with the family.
- Invasive species removal is still taking place in several parks, with the help of volunteers.
- The dock at Royce Dallman County Park was removed over the weekend due to high water.

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- The Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail Foundation is working on an agreement with Walworth County.
- We need a dock permit for parking lot work at Gibbs Lake Park and will be filling out that permit very soon.
- Continuing work on conditional use permit for Beloit-Janesville Trail.

Lori stated her crew is mowing, mowing, mowing.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny passed around an article on Magnolia Bluff County Park.

Floyd Finney reported there was \$150 in the Gibbs Lake donation box.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, August 12 will be the next Parks Meeting.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II