

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

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

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Fox

Staff Members:	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Rick Barder	Delphi Committee
	Carolyn Brandeen	Delphi Committee
	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Jim Hessenauer	Delphi Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the minutes of August 14, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Chair Bussie asked Committee members to notify Deb Lawton if they are unable to attend a meeting.

PARKS BUSINESS

Report from the Delphi Committee. Lori stated we are redoing the POROS Plan and Tom Presny of the Delphi Committee will give an overview of their work. Tom went over the executive summary of their report which included ten recommendations.

Supervisor Arnold, who served on the Delphi Committee, would like to see the Parks Division work with the Janesville/Beloit convention bureaus.

Mr. Barder stated some of his most memorable experiences are of visiting local parks.

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Carolyn Brandeen stated this is an action plan that can be used to make our parks better.

Discussion on sales tax proceeds took place.

Tom Presny spoke about trails and was impressed by the staffing level of 5.75 employees taking care of the entire park system.

Jim Hessenauer stated that the last snowshoe hike at Beckman Mill drew over 100 attendees. Savvy marketing helps get the word out. Using Facebook makes a difference. He commended Lori on getting so much accomplished from the last five-year POROS Plan and thanked the Committee and County Board for allowing that to happen. Lori stated she has the best staff in the County.

Chair Bussie asked Lori to set up a tour of the County Parks for the Committee. She also asked that the Delphi Committee come to the County Board meeting.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the resolution. Lori stated this is an annual grant. Last year we received \$5,000 with a \$5,000 match. She is recommending the funds be moved from Carver-Roehl Park where they have been directed for the past several years to Magnolia Bluff County Park. The funds will be used to eradicate invasive species. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Fees for New Shelter at Gibbs Lake Park. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the fees for the new shelter at Gibbs Lake Park to fall in line with the fees charged for other shelters, \$75.00 for Resident Rentals and \$90.00 for Non-Resident Rentals. Supervisor Arnold asked how far this was from the water and Lori explained it was erected near the equestrian parking lot. The Multi-Use Group donated \$15,000. The total cost of the shelter was \$30,000 with another \$7,500 for electric. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Director Report. Lori reported on capital projects requested in the 2015 budget. Those items included \$50,000 for new roof on Turtle Creek Parkway building; \$150,000 for Happy Hollow Parking Lot; \$125,000 for Happy Hollow Park Road and \$50,000 for new bathroom at Carver-Roehl Park. There are other projects that will be carried over from 2014 to 2015.

Lori stated she has been deeply involved in the budget and ongoing projects. She reported that the Gibbs Lake house needs a new roof and she will be working on getting that project going.

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Chair Bussie asked about the Delong property and Lori replied she has heard nothing.

She also reported the most senior Parks Patrol Worker, Dan Cahill, will be retiring in December after 35 years.

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

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny was impressed with the shelter at Gibbs Lake Park and was impressed with the Multi-Use Group's contribution of \$15,000.

Floyd Finney stated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the shelter will be Saturday, September 27, around 1:00 p.m. He reported that some visitors have a hard time finding the park as there are no directional signs on USH 14.

Dean reported that the Afton property offered as a canoe access to the County has been taken over by the Green-Rock Audubon Society.

Dean reported the bridge over Goose Creek at Big Hill Park on the Beloit-Janesville trail will be put in by the City of Beloit this week. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Dean is amazed at how well the Ice Age Trail is kept up with the meager staff Lori has. He would like the County to give Lori any help they can.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, October 14 will be the next Parks Meeting.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II