

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 – 8:30 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 8:30 a.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Arnold

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Tom Presny, Gina Cook and Floyd Finney

Parks Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Mel Jones, Friends of Carver-Roehl Park
Nancy Pope, Friends of Carver-Roehl Park

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Diestler moved the agenda placing item 6C just after item 4 and postponing item 9 until the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2010. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discuss Request from Friends of Carver-Roehl Park. Mel Jones and Nancy Pope surveyed the community about what was needed at Carver-Roehl Park with the results being more playground equipment. They would like the County to contribute toward this project. The cost of the playground equipment could be \$20,000, not including site preparation. They would like the County to do the site preparation and possibly contribute 50% of the cost of the playground equipment itself.

Parks Director Williams stated nothing is budgeted this year but we can request funds in the 2011 budget. Supervisor Fox is in complete support of friends'

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groups taking care of the parks. He does not know if he could support the County paying for half of the cost of the equipment in light of tough budget times. Discussion. Parks Director Williams could include this in the 2011 budget request. Parks Director Williams commended the group on their work at Carver-Roehl County Park. The Committee thanked them for their work.

Chair Yankee stated the consensus of the Committee is to request this in the 2011 budget.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Pope departed.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds. Supervisors Fox and Diestler moved the resolution. Parks Director Williams explained this will allow us to apply for grant funds on a revolving basis. These funds, as in the past, will be used for garlic mustard eradication at Carver-Roehl County Park. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Acceptance of Rock County 2010-2011 Snowmobile DNR Grant S-3915. Supervisors Diestler and Fox moved the resolution. Parks Director Williams explained this is the annual resolution for the 100% funded snowmobile grant. MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss Community Coordinator Funding for 2011. Parks Director Williams requested that the funding for this position be 100% County funded with no funds from ATC being used. She also explained a resolution would be required. Discussion. The Committee had no problem proceeding with a resolution.

Project Report. Discussion on proposed land acquisition took place. Parks Director Williams reported the Beckman Mill lighting project should be completed this week.

Also, Parks Director Williams reported on a \$5,000 *Take Me Fishing Grant* obtained through the efforts of our Community Coordinator, Joleen Stinson. No matching money is required and the funds can be used for equipment, programming or staff time.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd Finney has been cleaning up downed trees on the Janesville to Milton Trail.

Tom Presny had nothing new to report.

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Gina Cook was pleased to meet the new Community Coordinator and asked for funding of approximately \$100 for the Clean Boats program. She will meet with the Parks Director about this request.

Parks Director Williams and the Community Coordinator will be participating in the Rock River Cleanup at Happy Hollow Park on July 31.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, August 10.

Adjournment. Supervisor Bussie and Diestler moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II