

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, May 11, 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. He welcomed newly elected County Board Supervisor Brent Fox.

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

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Parks Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: County Board Supervisor Brent Fox

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2010. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Discussion on upcoming Legislative Day in Madison took place.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Carver-Roehl Park Culvert Project. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution to award the bid to Odling Construction of Delavan for \$80,545. Discussion took place on how this project would be constructed. Mr. Coopman stated this area could still flood but not as frequently as in the recent past. Parks Director Williams reported the engineering firm that did the hydraulic study estimated flooding would occur once every 11 years, instead of every year. The roadway, following construction, would remain in gravel for approximately one year to allow for settling at which time it would be paved.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Proclaiming May 17-21, 2010 as Bike To Work Week.  
Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. Parks Director Williams went over the report with the Committee.

- She discussed the bike trail to be built along STH 26 when it is reconstructed. It will be a 40-mile trail from Watertown to Janesville. The County section will be five miles long from Storrs Lake Road to the county line. We will be responsible for maintenance on that section, including mowing. It will be a paved trail.
- The Beckman Mill Park lighting project will be underway in the next couple of weeks. Lori is working on permits for the trail and boardwalk with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Signs have been installed on the Janesville to Beloit trail.
- We are closing out the garlic mustard eradication grant at Carver-Roehl County Park.
- Our new Community Coordinator is Joleen Stinson. She started May 3.
- Lori discussed spring burns conducted at various county parks.
- The neighbors of Koshkonong Lake Access Park are interested in forming a friends group.
- Discussion on the De Long property and the Boys and Girls Club property took place.
- Lori reported we lost 50-75 trees due to flooding at Royce Dallman County Park.

Supervisor Bussie suggested setting up a parks tour date.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd Finney reported Magnolia Bluff is in the best shape it has ever been in.

He has received favorable comments on the new toilet building at Murwin Park.

Floyd also mentioned an upcoming trail building school.

The Multi-Use group has plans to begin eradicating Multiflora Rose at Gibbs Lake Park and Magnolia Bluff Park.

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Tom Presny discussed the acquisition projects near the Tiffany Bridge and suggested contacting area camera clubs about forming a friends group.

Supervisor Fox asked who owned the bridge and Mr. Coopman stated the Union Pacific Railroad owns it.

Gina Cook had no other comments today.

Next Meeting Date. Due to a conflict with the County Highway Association Conference, it was decided to change the Parks meeting from Tuesday, June 8 to Thursday, June 3.

Adjournment. Supervisor Diestler and Arnold moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II