

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 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 Arnold, Bussie, Diestler, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney, Tom Presny. Mike Guisleman was absent.

Staff Members Present: Jeff Kuglitsch, Rock County Corporation Counsel
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Joleen Stinson, Parks Community Coordinator
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: Dean Paynter, Rock Trail Coalition

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

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2012. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Endorsing the Rock County Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor Master Plan and Feasibility Study. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the resolution. Lori stated this resolution endorses the feasibility and planning process of the Beloit-Janesville Trail. Supervisor Diestler asked if funding was involved and Lori replied there is no funding at this time. Dean Paynter discussed the process of obtaining perpetual easements on the parcels involved. He explained the trail would run from Afton to Big Hill Park. At that point, the City of Beloit has plans to extend the trail to the Illinois trails. Supervisor Bussie asked what the time limit is and Dean replied 3-5 years. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Contracts #1 and #2 with MSA to Prepare Bidding Documents for Turtle Creek Parkway Building Improvements. Supervisors Fox and Diestler moved the contracts. Lori explained this is a request to hire MSA to prepare bid documents on work we want done at the Turtle Creek Parkway building. One of the contracts is for an asbestos study. Supervisor

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Bussie asked about ADA requirements and Lori replied any improvements made must meet ADA standards. Discussion on ways to prepare bid documents at a lower cost took place. Supervisor Fox stated if you are going to put a project out for bid, you must put out specifications so that bidders know what is required. As this is public property, we must go through the bid process. More discussion. MOTION CARRIED. (Supervisors Bussie and Diestler reluctantly voted yes.)

Project Report. This was included with the agenda.

Supervisor Arnold asked if there was any information on the Delong property. Lori replied we are waiting for them to get back to us.

The possibility of a partnership with the Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed group was discussed.

Discussion on invasive species bike ride was discussed. Joleen stated this would focus on invasive plants.

The Committee was reminded of the upcoming Green Fund hike at Gibbs Lake Park on Friday night, February 17.

Discuss Gibbs Lake House. Lori and Joleen met with the tenants of the Gibbs Lake house and toured the property. Lori discussed work that needs to be done there. She stated the tenants have taken very good care of the property.

Discuss Possible Trapping Ordinance Change to Meet Stewardship Grant Requirements. Jeff Kuglitsch discussed the liability involved in allowing trapping in any county park that receives Stewardship Grant funds. It is a policy decision for this Committee. Discussion took place. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with applying for Stewardship Grant funds. Lori will prepare a resolution for action by this Committee.

Mr. Kuglitsch departed.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny reminded everyone of the Friday night candlelight hike at Gibbs Lake. This event is to raise funds for the Green Fund.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, March 13.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II

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