

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012 – 8:00 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 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Brown, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None.

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

Staff Members Present: Colin Byrnes, Senior Planner, Planning Department  
Rich Cannon, County Engineer, Planning Department  
Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Lori Williams, Parks Director  
Mike Turk, Shop Superintendent

Others Present: Andrew Bremer, MSA  
Nancy Pope, Friends of Carver-Roehl Park  
Kevin Kawula, Friend of Magnolia Bluff County Park  
Margaret Pulera, Interested Citizen  
Brian Gunnick, Interested Citizen  
Mary Mawhinney, Rock County Board Supervisor  
Jake McNall, Interested Citizen  
Bill McNall, Interested Citizen  
Marilynn Jensen, Rock County Board Supervisor

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

Approval of Minutes of May 8 and May 10, 2012. Supervisors Fox and Brown moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution, Adoption of the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans. Supervisor Brown wanted more information in the plan on the State Natural Area and feels more was put into it than he was looking for. Discussion took place. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the resolution. Chair Yankee asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, the vote was taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Approve Resolution Proclaiming July as Park and Recreation Month. Supervisors Fox and Brown moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. This was included with the agenda. Lori announced there will be a Public Information Meeting tomorrow night at the Beloit Town Hall and another one the following Wednesday at the Rotary Center in Beloit on the Beloit-Janesville trail.

Lori reported the Beckman Mill Northwood's Trail should be completed this week and we will be able to close out the grant.

Lori reported we might be in line for a federal grant for the Delong property.

Planning Presentation – Possible Land Acquisition. Colin and Rich discussed a parcel of land in the Town of Fulton on the Rock River. The property was flooded in 2008 and the house has been removed. They are wondering if the Parks Division is interested in purchasing this parcel. There is a county-owned parcel next door to this one. The total acreage of the two parcels is about three acres. Discussion.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. The Parks Advisory Committee had no special comments.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, July 10. Supervisor Fox stated he would be unable to attend.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Consider Equipment Purchase – Two Ditch Bank Mowers. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved to purchase two ditch bank mowers from low bidder, Johnson Tractor, for \$19,586 (\$9,793 each). MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Intersection Improvements on CTH M at County Line Road. Supervisor Brown stated he asked that this be put on the agenda. Since then, he met with Ben Coopman and is in favor of going ahead with the project as planned. Supervisor Brown moved that this improvement proceed as planned.

Margaret Pulera presented a petition with 62 names to the Committee and would like those in attendance to voice their concerns. The petition requests that the roadway remain the same. She stated that farmers need to be able to turn with their large equipment. She wants to purchase the 1.1 acres and put it back into farmland. She discussed accident history. Several attendees spoke in favor of keeping the roadway the same. Supervisor Mawhinney stated this type of roadway was put in at CTH MM & CTH M when CTH A was closed. When CTH A reopened, the curve was removed. Supervisor Bussie stated she likes Wisconsin because it is a farm state and asked those who spoke if they are the only ones using the road and they replied no. Ben Coopman put up a drawing of the plan. Margaret Pulera stated the buildings are a visual impairment. She also stated someone at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (she refused to reveal her source) stated this plan should be disqualified. Farmers will be forced to make a 90

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degree turn and will be getting into traffic. Ben pointed out the line of vision done by our engineers. Margaret stated when the corn is up you cannot see.

Supervisor Brown moved to proceed with the current plan. Chair Yankee asked if anyone on the Committee wants to reconsider. Supervisor Bussie seconded the motion. Supervisor Bussie thanked Margaret Pulera for showing so much emotion on this project and respects her. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Chair Yankee thanked everyone for their comments.

Cancel Vouchers #501-#666 and Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor Fox will be unavailable.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II