



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks & Highway Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

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

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Rashkin, Mawhinney and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Mulligan.

Staff Members:

Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager
Greg Cullen	Airport Director

Others Present:

Richard Bostwick	Rock County Board Member
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Everett Reese	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Levi Olson	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Jackie Olson	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Erica Keehn	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Rodney Burzinski	Rock County Snowmobile Alliance
Christina Isackson	Prairie Avenue, LLC, Attorney

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Yeomans. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes from October 13 & 27, 2020. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes of October 13 & 27, 2020 as corrected, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. Supervisor Yeomans corrected October 27, 2020, minutes to reflect his absence at this meeting. ADOPTED.

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Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Ms. Keehn, Snowmobile Alliance Club, extended gratitude to Rock County for the 2021 signed contract.

Mr. Jorgenson explained a solar generation facility in Fulton Township was proposed by the Public Service Commission. The proposal will be monitored by Mr. Jorgenson who will report updates.

Mr. Presny reported a tremendous amount of park and trail use.

Mr. Paynter expressed support for connecting the Peace Trail from Beloit to Janesville.

Review of Payments. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed and explained purchases as needed.

PARKS BUSINESS

Discussion – Ice Age Park Piezometers. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the ongoing issue of storm water flooding the Ice Age Park and the nearby neighborhood of Rolling Hills subdivision. Since 2018, the water has not receded. Remedies and solutions are being researched, including a grant application. A piezometer, to measure ground water, and consultation with a hydrologist is needed to start the process. Mr. Jorgenson is meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers November 29, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. to obtain further information.

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Paper - Gibbs Lake House Lease. Supervisor Mawhinney approved the Issue Paper, second by Supervisor Rashkin. Mr. Traynor reviewed the 2021 Gibbs Lake house lease has no changes from 2020 and reviewed rental information. Supervisor Yeomans introduced a motion to increase monthly rent by \$9.00. Motion not seconded; motion failed. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – 2020 Parks Fee Schedule. Mr. Traynor reviewed the 2020 Parks Fee Schedule. Mr. Traynor explained the Rock County Park Fee schedule is comparable to other local park fee schedules. No changes suggested. No action needed.

Parks Manager Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report.

Parks General

Park Usage – usage has increased from last year.

Mowing – Leaf Mulching – currently completing.

Winterizing has begun.

2021 Budget Overview – Planning – County Board expected to finalize at the meeting today so that the Parks Department may move forward with projects.

2020 Training Schedule

November 3, 2020 Training Day – this training date was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Possible virtual training will take place before the end of the season.

Chainsaw Training – Carver Roehl Park Possibility – still in planning stages.

Wisconsin Park and Recreation and National Recreation and Park Association

Offering Virtual Seminars – Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend are utilizing resources from each association.

Dues are paid for 2021.

Beckman Mill Park

Memorial Bench Status – The bench at Beckman Mill is nearing the final stages of installation. Ms. Friend coordinated and completed the installation of the bench at Sweet Allyn.

Playground Border Work – attempts are being made to complete this task by 2020's end.

Turtle Creek Park and Murwin Park

Kayak Launch Update – Paving and Finish Work Schedule – approaches are installed and the project should be completed by week's end.

Carver-Roehl Park and PTNT

Eagle Scout Projects – Ms. Friend and Eagle Scout members are reviewing ideas for the scouts' projects for the parks.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Park Damage Status Update – vandals continue to damage the upper bluff area. Police patrol has increased during the hours of expected vandalism.

Turtle Creek Access at 140

Donation Can Update – DPW welders are working on completing this project.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend provided information and pictures on the items listed in her report.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – Access Permit, CTH BT. Mr. Jorgenson explained the proposed access meets the standards provided in the Rock County Driveway Access Policy. Supervisor Yeomans moves the Access Permit, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Offering Price for Real Estate – CTH A (Milton-Shopiere Road to USH 14). Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the real estate process and explained that these offering price reports are consistent with the previous phases of CTH A. No action needed.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parks and Highway Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moves adjournment at 8:56 a.m., second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II