

**County of Rock**  
**Public Works Department**

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**- A G E N D A -**

Public Works Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – 8:30 a.m.  
Public Works Department Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Election of Vice-Chair
4. Set Meeting Day and Time
5. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2012
6. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
7. Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers
8. **Public Hearing on Park Plans for Carver-Roehl and Magnolia Bluff County Parks (8:35 a.m.)**

PARKS BUSINESS

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9. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Approve Resolution Adoption of the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans (documents available at [www.co.rock.wi.us](http://www.co.rock.wi.us) click on Parks Department)
  - b. Approve Resolution Authorizing Easement to Charter Communications to Cross Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail (this resolution will be provided at the meeting)
10. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Project Report
11. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks
12. Next Meeting Date
13. Adjournment

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee  
**INITIATED BY**

Public Works Committee  
& Parks Advisory Comm.  
**SUBMITTED BY**



Lori Williams, Parks Director  
**DRAFTED BY**

April 27, 2012  
**DATE DRAFTED**

**ADOPTION OF THE CARVER-ROEHL COUNTY PARK  
AND MAGNOLIA BLUFF COUNTY PARK MASTER PLANS**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to have long-range plans for
- 2 its parks operations and assets; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the current Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS Plan) contains individual
- 5 conceptual parks plans; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division requested, and was allocated funds, in the 2010 budget for individual detailed
- 8 park master plans for Carver Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, the park plan process included public participation including online surveys, staff input sessions,
- 11 and public input sessions; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans' goals and priorities
- 14 recommended by the Public Works Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee are based on this extensive
- 15 process of public input; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans are intended to be used by
- 18 the Rock County Board of Supervisors to direct the Public Works Committee and County staff to pursue
- 19 appropriate park, outdoor recreation and open space items and projects in both Carver-Roehl County Park and
- 20 Magnolia Bluff County Park; and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans have been
- 23 reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee and Parks Department staff.
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- 25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this \_\_\_\_ day of
- 26 \_\_\_\_, 2012, hereby adopts the Carver Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans; and,
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- 28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the implementation of
- 29 the Carver Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans as opportunities and resources are
- 30 presented and available.

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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Kurtis L. Yankee, Chair

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Betty Jo Bussie, Vice Chair

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Eva M. Arnold

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Brent Fox

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David Brown

Endorsed by:

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Mike Guisleman

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Floyd Finney

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Thomas Presny

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PARK MASTER PLANS**

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FISCAL NOTE:


This resolution approves Master Plans for the Carver Roehl and Magnolia Bluff County Parks and has no fiscal impact in and of itself. Funding for items included in the Master Plans would need to be approved through the budget process or by separate resolution.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes sections 59.03, 59.51(2), 59.52(6)(b) and (d), and 59.56(9).



Eugene R. Dumas  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

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**- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -**

The current Park, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan is for 2009-2014. The current POROS plan contains individual conceptual plans for all parks. The Parks Division staff desires to ultimately have a detailed individual park plan for each park. In 2011, funds were budgeted for Carver Roehl and Magnolia Bluff County Park Plans.

In order to remain eligible for state, federal and foundation grants, Rock County needs to have and update the POROS Plan. In addition, while securing grant funds, it is beneficial to also have individual park plans that are detail specific to the respective parks and their uses and needs. These grant funds, along with local matching funds, can continue to be utilized to help improve the County's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas for the benefit of Rock County citizens' quality of life. These Plans have a ten-year plus planning horizon. They will need to be updated in 2022 for the next ten-year planning period.

The Master Plan process for both parks included a data gathering process that used extensive public participation an online survey, staff input sessions, and public input sessions.

The proposed Rock County Carver Roehl Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans include the following sections: 1) An introduction including discussion of background efforts, planning process, public input summary, and vision statement of the Plan, 2) Existing Conditions of each park including amenities, natural features, demographics and land use, 3) Recommendations including facilities, trails, signage, land management and others, 4) Action Plan, Appendix A) Survey Results, and Appendix B) Trail Design Guidelines.

We are aware that these plans are ambitious, but without a written plan in place, those projects would not be eligible for grant or other funding options.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Williams".

Lori Williams, Director  
Rock County Parks Department

**Current Rock County Park Projects**  
**April 7, 2012 – May 7, 2012**

- **Beloit-Janesville Trail**-----
  - 1) Attended meeting with Brigit Brown, DNR State Trails Coordinator about Beloit to Janesville trail and funding ideas.
  - 2) Posted completed feasibility study on Rock County website.
  - 3) Railroad crossing to be installed soon.
  
- **Beckman Mill** -----
  - 1) Northwood's trail improvements to begin around May 21st.
  
- **Carver- Roehl**-----
  - 1) MSA will be presenting master plan draft for approval at May meeting.
  
- **Community Coordinator**-----
  - 1) Led family geocaching program on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at Happy Hollow Park.
  - 2) Attended Rock River Trail Initiative meeting and assisted with boat launch survey for the project.
  - 3) Coordinated three volunteer garlic mustard pulls on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as part of youth service days.
  - 4) Led youth fishing program on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at Gibbs Lake Park.
  - 5) Led workenders on April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6) Taught Parkview Elementary fieldtrips at Magnolia Bluff on May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.
  
- **Delong** -----
  - 1) No update at this time.
  
- **GIS**-----
  - 1) Attending Land Records meetings as scheduled.

**2) Assisting Highway with map projects as needed.**

- **Green Fund**----- **1) Community Day booklet sales completed with a sales of \$150.**
- **Lee**----- **1) Bathroom bid awarded at April 26, 2012 County Board meeting.**
- **Magnolia Bluff** ----- **1) MSA will be presenting master plan draft for approval at May meeting.**
- **Turtle Creek**----- **1) Asbestos report completed.  
2) Consultant working on bid specifications.**
- **Other Information**----- **1) Completed and submitted two DNR grant application for May 1, 2012 deadline.  
2) Performed tree maintenance at various locations including Gibbs Lake area by request of the town.  
3) Will be conducting summer staff interviews of 6 more candidates.  
4) Submitted pre-application for snowmobile Grant.  
5) Attended Discover Wisconsin premiere, which featured Beckman Mill Park at Vision Beloit.  
6) All boat launches installed and in operation for the season.**