

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 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, Richard, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney, Dean Paynter and Tom Presny

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

Others Present: Sharon Douglas, Chair, Town of Bradford

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

Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2013. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

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

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Request from Town of Bradford Chair to Discuss Removal of Dead Trees in Carver Roehl County Park. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the request from the Town Chair to remove dead/fallen trees in Carver-Roehl County Park. Lori Williams stated the Town of Bradford has concerns about downed trees that came down during the storm. Sharon Douglas spoke to the Committee and requested permission to send in volunteers to clear out the downed trees in the low-lying floodplain to prevent washouts on their road. Discussion on how to best accomplish this request took place. After much discussion, it was agreed that Lori would meet with David Hoffman, our Community Coordinator, to set up a date when he could look at the trees and mark those that can be removed. Lori will contact Sharon Douglas after talking with Dave to set up a date to meet on site. No action taken on the motion made by Supervisors Arnold and Richard.

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Parks Director Project Report. Lori went over the report with the Committee. Various items on the report were discussed. Discussion on how other government entities handle volunteer liability took place. Lori will check with Corporation Counsel and other counties to see how it is handled. Photos of recent flood damage were passed around. Discussion on emerald ash borer took place.

2014 Budget Discussion. Lori presented the Committee with a list of park fees including a modest increase. Discussion took place on pros and cons of increasing park fees. Supervisor Richard asked for cost accounting of what is covered by the park rental fees. Lori will put something together for the next meeting. This item will be placed on August agenda.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. There were no special remarks from the Parks Advisory Committee today.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II