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## A G E N D A

Public Works Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2015
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. **PARKS ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Approve Resolution, Adoption of the Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan
  - b. Approve Gibbs Lake House Lease
  - c. Approve Alcohol Permit for Turtle Community Organization's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
  - d. Parks Director Report: League of Women Voters Endorsement of POROS
  - e. Approve Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers
  - f. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks
6. Next Meeting Date
7. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
INITIATED BY \_\_\_\_\_



Lori Williams, Parks Director  
DRAFTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Public Works & Planning Committees  
SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

January 27, 2015  
DATE DRAFTED \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adoption of the Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to have a long-  
2 range plan for its operation and assets; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, Rock County needs to update the 2009-2014 POROS Plan in order to remain eligible  
5 for State, Federal, and foundation grants, which along with local matching funds can be used to  
6 help improve the County's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas to the benefit  
7 of Rock County Citizens; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Rock County 2015-2020 POROS Plan is comprised of an Introduction,  
10 Current Parks & Recreation Services, Community Needs Assessment, Goals & Objectives, and  
11 Plan Implementation, and Maps and Park Conceptual Master Plans; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the POROS planning process included a data layering process that used extensive  
14 public participation including a Delphi Committee, mail, email, and phone surveys, staff input  
15 sessions, and public input sessions; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the 2015-2020 POROS Plan goals and priorities recommended by the Public Works,  
18 Parks Advisory, and Planning & Development Committees are based on this extensive process of  
19 public input; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the POROS plan is intended to be used by the Rock County Board of Supervisors to  
22 direct the Public Works Parks Advisory Committee and Parks Director and County Staff to pursue  
23 appropriate park, outdoor recreation and open space items and projects; and,  
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25 **WHEREAS**, the proposed POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by  
26 both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs; and,  
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28 **WHEREAS**, the proposed POROS Plan is consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive  
29 Plan 2035.  
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this  
32 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, hereby adopts the 2015-2020 Rock County Parks, Outdoor  
33 Recreation, and Open Space Plan chapter twelve of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035;  
34 and,  
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the  
37 implementation of the Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan as  
38 opportunities and resources are presented and available.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

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Brent Fox, Vice-Chair

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Eva M. Arnold

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ENDORSED BY  
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

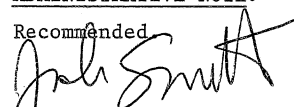
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Thomas Presny

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Floyd Finney

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Dean Paynter

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

Adoption of the POROS Plan has no fiscal impact in and by itself.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.69(1) and 66.1001, Wis. Stats.

  
Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

– EXECUTIVE SUMMARY –

Rock County Park, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS)

In order to remain eligible for state, federal and foundation grants, Rock County needs to update the POROS Plan. 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 to the benefit of Rock County citizens quality of life. The Plan has a five-year planning horizon. It will need to be updated in 2020 for the next five-year planning period.

The POROS planning process included a data gathering process that used extensive public participation including a Delphi Committee, email, mail and telephone surveys, staff input sessions, and public input sessions.

The proposed Rock County POROS Plan is one document and includes the following sections: 1) An Introduction including discussion of previous planning efforts, purpose and goals of the plan, 2) current assessment of Rock County Park System, 3) Community Needs Assessment, 4) Goals, Objectives and Policies, 5) Plan Implementation, and 6) Maps and Park conceptual master plans.

We realize that this is ambitious, but without enumeration, those projects would not be eligible for grant or other funding options.

A total of \$1,140,000 in capital projects was completed over the last five years as a result of having a POROS plan and being eligible for various grant opportunities. Grant funded dollars and ATC funds accounted for approximately \$815,000 of the improvements with \$325,000 funded by Rock County.

The proposed POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs. The proposed POROS Plan update is consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 and will be updated as chapter twelve of the plan.

**Rock County Department of Public Works  
Division of Highways – Issue Paper**

ISSUE - Gibbs Lake House Lease for 2015

DISCUSSION - The Gibbs Lake House Lease is again up for renewal for 2015. Given the current monthly rate of \$785.00 and past practice of increasing at the same rate as the airport house rentals, I would recommend a zero percent increase.

RECOMMENDATION – Approval of zero percent increase.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori A Williams  
Parks Director

## **Rock County Parks Position, LWV Beloit and Janesville**

*Both Leagues of Women Voters in Rock County, Wisconsin, have an interest in timely planning for parks, outdoor recreation and open spaces. Conclusions reached in our joint study in 2001-2002 are hereby modified to reflect progress that has occurred that is in alignment with our position. The heart of the position remains timely planning and adequate staffing.*

### **Rock County Parks**

The Beloit and Janesville Leagues of Women Voters support an updated five-year Rock County "Parks and Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan".

- The plan should contain a clear vision and mission for parks, outdoor recreation, and open spaces in Rock County.
- The plan should include site development plans with an inventory of parks, clearly saying how county park improvement priorities are set and how the priorities are monitored.
- The plan should be "user-friendly", i.e. written at a general-public reading level.
- The plan should provide mechanisms which intentionally seek public participation at every step of setting and monitoring park priorities.
- The plan should meet national and state standards.
- The plan should identify sources of funding for implementation.
- The plan's provisions should be achievable.
- The LWV endorses the use of outside consultants, when funds can be secured, to plan for park improvements in order to ease the county staff workload and to benefit from the expertise that consultants could provide.

The Beloit and Janesville Leagues of Women Voters recommend that the "Parks and Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan" be fully implemented.

- The LWV recommends use of the following options to implement the plan:
  - Provide funding through general tax revenues as well as governmental and private grants.
  - Utilize the Rock County Green Fund and other volunteer funding support.
  - Consider user fees while allowing accessibility to the public.
  - Acquire additional land for parks or open spaces through purchase, abandonment, donation, dedication or designation.
  - Seek and maintain partnerships with special interest user groups.

The Beloit and Janesville Leagues of Women Voters recommend that the county administrator and supervisors address more effective ways to oversee the administration of Rock County's parks.

note: The LWV finds the present county "Parks and Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan" planning process confusing when the roles of the Planning and Development Committee and the Public Works Department/Parks Division are unclear.

- The LWV recommends the continuation of the additional staff position, serving under the parks director, to coordinate volunteer efforts in planning, developing, maintaining, promoting, and funding our county parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces.

(February 2002 - LWV of Beloit/LWV of Janesville joint work group:  
Brandeen, Diedrich, Hansen, Schoenfield, Stabb, Trewartha, Waech)  
(2014 - revised: Brandeen, Deupree, D.Dobson, Schoenfield)