

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2010 – 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, Diestler, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney

Parks Advisory Committee Members Absent: Gina Cook and Tom Presny

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Joleen Stinson, Parks Community Coordinator
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2010. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Chair Yankee announced the September 30 Public Works Committee meeting scheduled to be held at the Airport would be canceled.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution: Agreements By and Between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Rock County for the Construction and Maintenance of Bicycle/Pedestrian Path within the Rights-of-Way of State Highway 26 in Rock County. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. This resolution was changed to include another section of trail that was omitted in the original resolution. Parks Director Williams went over the individual sections of trail with the Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution: Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the resolution. Lori explained back in 2006, the Parks Division applied for the maximum of \$2,027 for Magnolia Bluff County Park. The Public Works Committee

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approved the grant application resolution in October 2006. However, it was discovered that the resolution inadvertently did not go to the full county board for approval. The grant was applied for, awarded, and extensions were given by the Department of Natural Resources. This grant funding will be used at Magnolia Bluff County Park to extend the oak savanna project and build a pathway around the restoration project to avoid unnecessary disturbance to the area. MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Coopman arrived.

Project Report. The Committee discussed items on the report. Lori announced the upcoming 20th Anniversary of the Friends of Beckman Mill and the volunteer recognition dinner that will be held on Friday, September 24 at Beckman Mill.

Supervisor Arnold asked about the Carver-Roehl driveway project and Lori stated that the culverts did not come in as planned so we are waiting until after the Friends of Carver-Roehl's Fall Fest, scheduled for October 3, to do the project.

Supervisor Bussie asked about tree work at Happy Hollow and Sweet-Allyn. Lori responded that there are trees that need to be taken down due to storm damage.

Supervisor Diestler asked about the Gibbs Lake well. Lori stated we have chlorinated it twice and the DNR is requesting that we abandon it. She is looking into options.

Chair Yankee asked Lori if she could include timelines on the project report and she agreed to do so when possible.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd stated there are a lot of dead trees along the Ice Age Multi-Use Trail that need to come down and the Multi-Use group will begin working on this task. Mr. Coopman mentioned seeing Floyd's group of volunteers working on the trail while he and his grandson were biking.

Supervisor Diestler asked about the Kerry Hull issue and Lori replied there have been some restoration efforts done there.

Next Meeting Date: Due to scheduling conflicts for several Committee members, the next meeting was moved to Tuesday, October 19.

Adjournment. Supervisor Fox and Arnold moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II

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