



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order: Chair Woodman called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 7:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Fleming, Sutter, Tillman, and Woodman

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Brown

<u>Staff Members:</u>	Duane Jorgenson	Public Works Director
	John Traynor	Parks Manager
	Amy Friend	Parks Community Coordinator
	Amanda McElroy	Administrative Professional III

<u>Others Present:</u>	Carl Lange	Friends of Rock County Parks
	Kristine Ellis	Parks Advisory Board
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
	Cathy Schneider	Parks Advisory Board/RRHPF
	Loren Bobolz	Town of Bradford
	David Moyer	Town of Bradford
	Deb Bennett	Town of Rock
	Tony Dubanowich	Town of Rock
	Peter Parker	Town of Rock

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Fleming moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sutter. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes Dated June 9, 2026: Supervisor Sutter moved approval of the minutes from June 9, 2026, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Fleming. ADOPTED.

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: A public comment regarding concerns with 2027 insurance increases, submitted by Richard Ellis, was read aloud. Copies of the 2027 Premium Share Estimates were passed out (see attachment).

Supervisor Tillman explained the estimates, noting there was a formula error, and additional negotiation has taken place with Mercy. The Employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee meets again on July 20, 2026.

Mr. Traynor shared that applications are being accepted online to serve on the Parks Advisory Committee.

Parks Advisory Board Communications: Mr. Paynter announced that the Friends of Rock County Parks established an endowment fund for Rock County Parks through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin for those who wish to make large contributions.

Mr. Traynor clarified that this endowment fund is separate from the Rock County Green Fund and the Richard B. Eager Endowment Fund.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and Possible Action – Gibbs Lake House Rental: Mr. Traynor provided an overview, noting that the Gibbs Lake rental house has had the same tenants for 44 years. Mr. Traynor shared a PowerPoint presentation with information and photographs of the property and answered questions from the Committee. There are concerns about upcoming maintenance costs with the aging property, particularly with the septic system. The Committee directed Mr. Traynor to reach out to Corporation Counsel to inquire about offering a month-to-month lease in the future and adding language about cost-sharing.

Discussion and Possible Action – 2027 Fee Schedule: Mr. Traynor shared he is not proposing any changes to the current fees as they are comparable with others in the surrounding area. Supervisor Fleming moved to approve the 2027 Fee Schedule with no changes, seconded by Supervisor Sutter. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Paper – Driveway Permit – CTH KK: Mr. Jorgenson explained that the property owner previously had a private entrance and a field entrance on his parcel. A portion of the property, which included the field entrance, was sold to a utility company. The property owner is requesting a field entrance on CTH KK. During the initial review, CTH KK was projected to have a higher traffic volume than Six Corners Rd, so the recommendation was to place the field entrance on Six Corners Rd. After completing a traffic count at each location, the traffic volume is higher on Six Corners Rd than on CTH KK. Supervisor Sutter moved the Issue Paper to approve the field entrance on CTH KK, seconded by Supervisor Fleming. ADOPTED.

Parks Report – July 2026: Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend discussed items in their report and answered questions from the Committee.

Parks General

- July – National Parks and Recreation Month- promoting parks on social media
- Maintenance Update – Mowing, Rental Prep, Trail Work, Side-Mount Mowing- widening trails and pushing back invasive species
- Staffing Update- there is a vacancy due to an employee signing a highway position
- Boat Launch Fees – Pushing Inspections- some users are trying to avoid paying
- Firewood Availability – Magnolia Bluff- more may be available at Lee Park soon
- Parks Advisory Committee – Appointment- position is posted online
- Admin – Budget – Joint Committee Meeting July 8- went well

Beckman Mill

- Bench Donation- third bench donated this year
- Forever 34 Foundation Fishing Derby – June 20- free family event

Carver-Roehl

- Playground Update – Border- donated equipment has been installed, need to add a concrete border and ADA Accessible path
- July 6 Incident- deceased individual was found in a locked bathroom
- Trail Work – CCA Grant Update- ongoing, put in a culvert

Gibbs Lake Park

- Rental House – Plumbing Issue- basement toilet and water heater
- Shoreline Improvements- area is seeing increased use thanks to the volunteers who completed the work

Happy Hollow Park

- Parking Lot Damage- partnering with the Sheriff's Office to catch individuals responsible for tearing up the parking lot late at night
- Dumping Issues Return – Brush- continued issue due to remote location

Lee Park

- Shelter Damage – Tree- tree fell on it

Rock River Heritage Park

- Master Plan Update- timeframe may be pushed back
- Basement Clean-up Update- painting, project is 85-90% complete
- Wednesday Walk – RRHP – June 17 – Cancelled- due to rain
- Night Nature Hike – RRHP – June 21 – Cancelled- due to rain

Sportsman Park

- Water Easement – Combs – Update- no new information
- Electrical Work Completed- new pole installed and lines were replaced
- StoryWalk® in the Park – June 18-July 6- featuring *The Busy Bee*

Sweet-Allyn Park

- Shopiere Days – June 26-28- group did excellent job cleaning up
- Shelter Design Update- contract has been signed

Events

- Power of Rock County Parks: Through Your Lens – July Photo Challenge- park users can submit photos to showcase our parks
- Wednesday Walk – Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail – July 8- led by Parks Crew Leader Jim Hessenauer
- StoryWalk® in the Park – Carver-Roehl Park- through July 23
- Solar System Trail – PTNT- coming soon to the Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail
- Ice Cream Social & Artists in the Park – FOBM – July 19- numerous activities and tours of the mill will be available
- Pedal The Peace Ride – July 25- fundraiser that offers three routes to choose from
- Rock County 4-H Fair Parks Booth – July 28-August 2- located under the grandstand

Mr. Traynor and Ms. Friend left the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Town Business: Discuss Town Issues and Town Road Construction and Maintenance with Town Representatives: Discussed town issues, town road construction, and maintenance with representatives from the following towns: Rock and Bradford.

Next Meeting Date and Time:

Highway Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Parks Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sutter moved adjournment at 9:04 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Fleming. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda McElroy, Administrative Professional III

2026 Premium Share Estimate

Employees	6%
Full Time - HEIP Completed	\$1,521,211.44
Full Time - HEIP Incomplete	\$126,437.04
Part Time	\$363,458.08
Total	\$2,011,106.56

2027 Premium Share Estimates - Estimated Cost Increase (5.89% Dean, 8.50% Mercy)

Employees	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Full Time - HEIP Completed	\$1,629,956.04	\$1,901,615.52	\$2,173,259.52	\$2,444,959.80	\$2,716,613.28
Full Time - HEIP Incomplete	\$135,267.00	\$135,267.00	\$135,267.00	\$135,267.00	\$135,267.00
Part Time	\$388,908.27	\$388,908.27	\$388,908.27	\$388,908.27	\$388,908.27
Total	\$2,154,131.31	\$2,425,790.79	\$2,697,434.79	\$2,969,135.07	\$3,240,788.55
Difference between 2026 Total- estimated 2027	\$143,024.75	\$414,684.23	\$686,328.23	\$958,028.51	\$1,229,681.99

Single
Employee+ Child(ren)
Employee+ Spouse
Family

Dean Current 2026	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$58.42	\$ 61.87	\$ 72.18	\$ 82.49	\$ 92.80	\$ 103.11
\$105.16	\$ 111.36	\$ 129.92	\$ 148.48	\$ 167.04	\$ 185.60
\$128.53	\$ 136.11	\$ 158.79	\$ 181.48	\$ 204.16	\$ 226.84
\$192.79	\$ 204.16	\$ 238.19	\$ 272.21	\$ 306.24	\$ 340.27

Single
Employee+ Child(ren)
Employee+ Spouse
Family

Mercy Current 2026	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$56.45	\$ 61.25	\$ 71.46	\$ 81.66	\$ 91.87	\$ 102.08
\$101.59	\$ 110.23	\$ 128.60	\$ 146.97	\$ 165.34	\$ 183.71
\$124.17	\$ 134.72	\$ 157.18	\$ 179.63	\$ 202.09	\$ 224.54
\$189.26	\$ 202.09	\$ 235.77	\$ 269.46	\$ 303.14	\$ 336.82

Rock County Medical Plan Decrements | 2027

Prepared by M3 Insurance

Plan Component	Current Plan	Alt #1	Reduction %	Reduction \$	Alt #2	Reduction %	Reduction \$
DEAN							
Deductible	750 / \$2,250	\$1,000 / \$3000	-2.40%	\$ (389,696.68)	\$1,250 / \$3750	-4.50%	\$ (730,681.27)
MOOP	\$1,500 / \$4500	\$2,000 / \$6,000	—		\$2,500 / \$7500	—	
PCP Specialist	\$25 / \$50	\$30 / \$60	-0.6%	\$ (97,424.17)	\$30 / \$60	-0.6%	\$ (97,424.17)
Rx – Current	\$10 / \$25 / \$50 / 30%	—	—		—	—	
Rx – CoPay #4	—	\$10 / \$30 / \$60 / 30%	-0.2%	\$ (32,474.72)	\$10 / \$30 / \$60 / 30%	-0.2%	\$ (32,474.72)
Rx – CoPay #5	—	\$20 / \$40 / \$80 / 30%	-1.9%	\$ (308,509.87)	\$20 / \$40 / \$80 / 30%	-1.9%	\$ (308,509.87)

MERCY							
Deductible	750 / \$2,250	\$1,000 / \$3000	-2.60%	\$ (374,716.53)	\$1,250 / \$3750	-4.45%	\$ (641,341.76)
MOOP	\$1,500 / \$4500	\$2,000 / \$6,000	—		\$2,500 / \$7500	—	
PCP Specialist	—	\$30 / \$60	-0.11%	\$ (15,853.39)	\$30 / \$60	-0.11%	\$ (15,853.39)
Rx – Current	\$10 / \$25 / \$50 / 30%	—	—		—	—	
Rx – CoPay #4	—	\$10 / \$30 / \$60 / 30%	-0.01%	\$ (1,441.22)	\$10 / \$30 / \$60 / 30%	-0.01%	\$ (1,441.22)
Rx – CoPay #5	—	\$20 / \$40 / \$80 / 30%	-0.17%	\$ (24,500.70)	\$20 / \$40 / \$80 / 30%	-0.17%	\$ (24,500.70)

	Current	Option #A	Option #B	Option #C	Option #D
Deductible S/F	\$750/\$2250	\$750/\$2250	\$750/\$2250	\$1000/\$3000	\$1000/\$3000
Out of Network Deductible S/F					
Co Insurance In Network	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
Co Insurance Out of Network					
Office Co-Pay	\$25/\$50	\$30/\$60	\$30/\$60	\$25/\$50	\$25/\$50
Prescription Co-Pay	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%	\$10/\$30/\$60/30%	\$10/\$30/\$60/30%	\$10/\$30/\$60/30%	\$10/\$30/\$60/30%
Premium Contribution %-Completion					
Wellness Program	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%

Reduction from Plan Design		\$ (147,193.50)	\$ (147,193.50)	\$ (798,329.15)	\$ (798,329.15)
Reduction from Premium Share		\$ (143,024.75)	\$ (414,684.23)	\$ (143,024.75)	\$ (686,328.23)
Use of Fund Balance				\$ -	

Total Reduction		\$ (290,218.25)	\$ (561,877.73)	\$ (941,353.91)	\$ (1,484,657.39)
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Deficit/Overage \$2,038,932	1,748,713.75	1,477,054.27	1,097,578.09	554,274.61
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	Option #E	Option #F	Option #G	Option #H	Option #I
Deductible S/F	\$1250/\$3750	\$1250/\$3750	\$1250/\$3750	\$1250/\$3750	\$1250/\$3750
Out of Network Deductible S/F					
Co Insurance In Network	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
Co Insurance Out of Network					
Office Co-Pay	\$30/\$60	\$25/\$50	\$25/\$50	\$30/\$60	\$30/\$60
Prescription Co-Pay	\$20/\$40/\$80/30%	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%	\$20/\$40/\$80/30%
Premium Contribution %-Completion Wellness Program	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%

Reduction from Plan Design	\$ (1,818,311.16)	\$ (1,372,023.03)	\$ (1,372,023.03)	\$ (1,485,300.59)	\$ (1,818,311.16)
Reduction from Premium Share	\$ (414,684.23)	\$ (143,024.75)	\$ (414,684.23)	\$ (143,024.75)	\$ (143,024.75)
Use of Fund Balance					

Total Reduction	\$ (2,232,995.39)	\$ (1,515,047.79)	\$ (1,786,707.27)	\$ (1,628,325.35)	\$ (1,961,335.91)
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Deficit/Overage \$2,038,932	194,063.39	523,884.21	252,224.73	410,606.65	77,596.09
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	Option #J	Option #K
Deductible S/F	\$750/\$2250	\$1000/\$3000
Out of Network Deductible S/F		
Co Insurance In Network	75%	75%
Co Insurance Out of Network		
Office Co-Pay	\$25/\$50	\$25/\$50
Prescription Co-Pay	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%	\$10/\$25/\$50/30%
Premium Contribution %-Completion Wellness Program	10%	10%

Reduction from Plan Design	\$ -	\$ (764,413.21)
Reduction from Premium Share	\$ (1,229,681.99)	\$ (1,229,681.99)
Use of Fund Balance		

Total Reduction	\$ (1,229,681.99)	\$ (1,994,095.21)
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Deficit/Overage \$2,038,932	809,250.01	44,836.79
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