



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney, Pennycook and Woodman.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Rashkin.

Staff Members:

John Traynor	Parks Manager
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager

Others Present:

Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Woodman. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes for Parks and Highway from April 12, 2022. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the minutes from April 12, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Woodman. ADOPTED.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION

Election of Public Works Committee Vice Chair. Supervisor Woodman nominated Supervisor Mawhinney as Public Works Committee Vice Chair, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

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Setting Committee Meeting Times and Locations. Supervisor Mawhinney made a motion to continue the schedule as is - Parks Committee Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. and Highway Committee Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The meetings continue to be held at the Public Works Department. Seconded by Supervisor Woodman. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Jorgenson announced his and Mr. Elmer's expected attendance at the 2022 WCHA Summer Road School June 6, 7, 8, 2022, and invited those who may be interested to attend. Registration was shared with the Committee.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Explanation was given to new Committee members:

Mr. Paynter explained the process of paving Peace Trail from Janesville to Beloit.

Mr. Presny highlighted the involvement and participation of the Parks Advisory Board members and Friends Groups' in promoting Rock County Parks.

Mr. Finney reviewed the Multi-Use Group's participation, public relations, donations and volunteering in Rock County Parks.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Scheduling of Park Tour. Mr. Traynor suggested touring the parks for the June 14, 2022, Parks Committee Meeting. All Committee members present agreed. Mr. Traynor invites other county supervisors who may be interested in the tour.

REPORTS

Parks Manager Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report and answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Traynor explained Rock County Parks includes 22 parks, over 1200 acres and four full-time park employees.

Parks General

Mowing Season is Here!

Park Cleanup and Prep for Use – cleaning what the season has caused.

Tree Planting – Free Trees from Rock River Trail Initiative/Land Conservation – 100+ trees have been planted.

Equestrian Trails are Officially Open.

Boat Launch Piers are In and Permits are Now Required – April 15 to October 15.

Park Risk Assessment – To Continue – with the aid of Risk Manager, Ms. Carlson.

5801 N. River Road Location

Work Update – DPW Crews – Mr. Traynor explained updates at the park.

Contractors Work Update – Wells and Septic – wells are complete.

Park Staffing Status – FTE and Seasonal – Mr. Traynor explained status.

Beckman Mill Park

Opening Day – Saturday May 7th – great attendance!

BTC Volunteers – good turnout.

Friends Groups – Fish Ladder Work – excellent job!

Sweet Allyn Park

Ballfield Rehab Project – Update – expected completion Fall 2022.

Bat Survey – DNR – Wisconsin Bat Program – DNR to monitor bats in the park for study.

Gibbs Lake Park

Well Install Update – nearing completion.

Parking Lot Evaluation – creating more parking.

CIP (Capital Improvement Project) Update

Magnolia Bluff – Shelter Bid – in review.

Carver Roehl – Lighting Project – installing lights around driveway and parking area.

Peace Trail – Paving Project – Mr. Paynter explained earlier. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the project and funding source. Mr. Presny expressed appreciation with the County's dedication to this project.

American Planning Association

Conference – Thursday, May 26, 2022 – Mr. Traynor is presenting at the conference in Green Bay.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor reviewed items in Ms. Friend's report and answered questions from the Committee.

Next Meeting Date and Time. Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Woodman moved adjournment at 8:57 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hartley, Secretary II