



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
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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.

<u>Staff Members:</u>	John Traynor	Parks Manager
	Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
	Amy Hartley	Secretary II
	Jim Hessenauer	Parks Crew Leader

<u>Others Present:</u>	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Board
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Board
	Carolyn Brandeen	League of Women Voters

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 July 12, 2022. Supervisor Woodman moved approval of the minutes from July 12, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Traynor announced Ms. Hartley's departure from DPW to Human Services October 3, 2022, and thanked her for her services during her time with DPW and Parks.

Parks Advisory Board Communications. Mr. Paynter reported Peace Trail paving is complete. The area has had much traffic. Mr. Paynter thanked Rock County Parks, the Parks Committee, the

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Rock County Board, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Gilbertson's, private donors, the Kennedy Foundation and the Rock Coalition for all their contributions to the project.

Mr. Paynter reported the Ice Age Trail corridor is nearing completion and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has requested a Resolution.

Mr. Presny handed out an explanation of names for item 7A.

Mr. Finney reported the ribbon cutting was completed at the Gibbs Lake well, despite the rain delay.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

In Support of the Ice Age Trail in Rock County. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Woodman. Mr. Traynor explained the Resolution and answered questions from the Committee. ADOPTED.

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Conservation Aids Application Grant Funds. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. Mr. Traynor explained the Resolution. ADOPTED.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and Possible Action – Naming of 5801 North River Road Property. Supervisor Woodman moved approval of naming the property at 5801 North River Road - Rock River Heritage Park, seconded by Ms. Pennycook. Mr. Traynor explained the naming process and reviewed the discussion from the Focus Group meeting August 16, 2022. Mr. Traynor answered questions from the Committee and all members present discussed their decision for naming the park. ADOPTED.

Parks Manager Report – See Attached. Mr. Traynor provided information on the items listed in his report and answered questions from the Committee.

Parks General

Maintenance Update – staff is mowing, weather permitting, and cleaning up downed trees.

Rental Season Slowing Down – but bookings are still being made.

Current Staffing Status – fully staffed. Additional staff request will be made in 2023 budget.

Budget Time - budget was reviewed 8/22/22.

5801 N. River Road Location

Work Update – Staff – summer help did a tremendous job at the park.

United Way Day of Caring-Wed. Sept 14th – 50 volunteers will contribute to projects at this location and Beckman Mill.

Timeline Update – anticipated opening of the park by end of the year.

Beckman Mill Park

Mill Tours – Continue Through October – Mr. Traynor recommends this tour.

Heritage Days-Sunday Sept. 11th – weather caused cancellation; will be rescheduled.

Miller Farm Park

NRCS Email - conducted yearly review of area and found activity.

Future Plans – Mr. Traynor is reviewing with NRCS to accommodate memorial, planted trees and trail mowing by volunteer.

Gibbs Lake Park

Well Install Update-Have a Drink on Us – ribbon cutting conducted.

FORCP Project Status – clearing of area near dock expected to be completed in the Fall.

Carver Roehl Park

Fall Harvest Days – October 2, 2022.

Lighting Project Update – contractor, supply and bid delays; may extend into 2023.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Shelter Project Update – awaiting shelter from manufacturer.

Peace Trail

Paving Project Update – Mr. Paynter reported paving is complete; shouldering near completion.

TAP Grant Status – grant will be received to continue the trail to Beloit.

W.L. Sportsman's Park

Food Truck Thursdays Update – low participation caused cancellation.

Deer Issue - deer are aging and receiving veterinarian care.

Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Fall Conference – October 6th and 7th – Mr. Traynor will attend.

April 13th 2023 – Region 3 Meeting – Mr. Traynor will attend and invited members of the Committee to attend.

Community Coordinator Report – See Attached. Ms. Friend presented a spreadsheet reviewing grants being processed in 2022 and a PowerPoint on her July and August activity.

Next Meeting Date and Time. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Woodman moved adjournment at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hartley, Secretary II