

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – 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, Mike Guisleman and Tom Presny

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

Others Present: Bob Kaiser, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs  
Levi Olson, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs  
Morris Nelson, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs  
Brad Crary, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs  
Mark Tiffany, Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs  
Pam Schuler, National Park Service, Ice Age NSC  
Mary Tano, National Park Service, Ice Age NSC  
Jim Hessenauer, Rock County Parks Dept.  
Andrew Bremer, MSA Professional Services

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

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2011. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Bob Kaiser and Levi Olson spoke to the Committee about administrative expenses being charged to the snowmobile grant. Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Olson asked the County not to be any harder on them than they have to be in regard to administrative costs. Lori explained the snowmobile program is to be operated at no expense to the County. Supervisor Fox stated we are sensitive to the costs. We are interested in maintaining the relationship and keep things moving smoothly. Tom Presny

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complimented the efforts of the Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs. Lori stated Levi is very easy to work with.

Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Consider Gibbs Lake House Lease for 2012. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to increase the rent by 1.3% from \$775 to \$785 per month in 2012. Supervisor Bussie wonders why there has to be an increase every year. Mike Guisleman stated we have excellent tenants in this house. Supervisor Fox would like to see this considered before the budget process. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Application for the Natural Resources Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for State Natural Area Kittentail Restoration. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the resolution. This is for restoration work at Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl County Parks on kittentail plants located there. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Letter of Agreement Between the County of Rock and the Ice Age Trail Alliance – Rock County Chapter for Trailhead Parking Lot Improvement and Maintenance. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the agreement. Lori stated this agreement would provide for parking in road right-of-way along CTH E to allow access to the Ice Age Trail going through the Arbor Ridge Subdivision and on to Cooks Arboretum. A photo and parking lot plan were included with the agenda. This parking lot would be at no cost to the County. Supervisor Fox asked about the speed limit at this location. The speed limit is 45 MPH with a 35 MPH advisory speed limit. Tom Presny stated the City of Janesville Engineering Department will evaluate where the crosswalk will be built and advisory signage will be installed. Ben Coopman, Public Works Director, has reviewed this and the City of Janesville Engineering Department has too. MOTION CARRIED.

MSA Park Plan Update. Andrew Bremer of MSA presented conceptual plans of Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl County Parks. Discussion points included trails, parking, camping, picnic shelters, hiking, mountain biking, equestrian use, future land acquisition and signage.

Ice Age Scoping Process. Pam Schuler discussed the Ice Age Trail and the process for getting from one side of Rock County to the other. They hope to have a segment going through Magnolia Bluff County Park. She went over the selection criteria with the Committee. Three public information meetings on the Ice Age Trail are scheduled: January 28 at Rotary Gardens in Janesville, January 31 in Whitewater and February 2 in Evansville. They will come up with one final trail recommendation.

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The Committee had no further questions. Supervisor Arnold departed.

Project Report. This was included with the agenda. The Committee had no special questions.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. None.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, January 10.

Adjournment. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II