

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 9:00 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 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bussie, Brown, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Arnold and Fox

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Dean Paynter, Floyd Finney and Tom Presny

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

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2012. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

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

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the resolution. Lori stated this will be used at Carver Roehl Park for eradication of garlic mustard. The total grant is for \$3,000 and our match will be in-kind labor. Discussion on methods of eradicating garlic mustard took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Parks Donation Policy. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the donation policy. Supervisor Brown asked about naming rights. Lori explained naming rights are covered under a separate county policy. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Gibbs Lake House Lease for 2013. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the 2013 Gibbs Lake House with a zero percent increase. Lori explained past practice has been to keep the same rental increase at both the Gibbs Lake house and the Airport house. Discussion on how and why this lease rent is tied to the lease rent of the Airport house took place. Supervisor Bussie feels the rent is sufficient. Supervisor Bussie discussed this issue

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with Lori Williams beforehand. She stated she does not agree with increasing the rent, and does not care for the fact we are comparing it with something else. Discussion on the Airport house rental took place. Supervisor Brown called for the question. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. Items discussed included the Buck property; the Friends of Carver-Roehl gazebo project approved for 2013; the Royce Dallman boat launch project; the Delong property and the Friends of Beckman Mill lease renewal. The Committee viewed a slideshow of the Turtle Creek Parkway building improvement project. Lori hopes the project will be completed by the end of the year.

Parks Advisory Committee Comments. Dean Paynter reported on progress taking place on the Beloit to Janesville trail. He reported 19 volunteers cleared a temporary walking path from Walters Road to Big Hill Park in the Town of Beloit. Dean reported the Leadership Academy is taking on the replacement of the bridge over the creek going into Big Hill Park as a project. They hope to have this project completed by May or June of 2013. Dean distributed information on the State Trail Designation and will proceed with getting a copy of the application materials if the Committee does not object.

Tom Presny reported they will be setting a date for the candlelight ski-hike some time in early to mid February. This will be a fund raiser for the Green Fund.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Adjournment. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II