

**Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday September 11, 2012 – 8:00 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 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Brown, Bussie, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Parks Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Williams, Parks Director  
Amy Thoni, Cost Allocation Specialist

Others Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2012: **Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

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

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Adoption of Rock County Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan: Lori Williams stated that she and Joleen Stinson Rock County Parks Community Coordinator had completed an ADA assessment with the assistance of Andrew Janicki, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Accessibility Coordinator, who also happens to be wheelchair bound. **Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Avon Land Donation from the Natural Land Institute. **Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Acceptance of Recreational Trail Grant Funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Magnolia Bluff Park Trail Improvements: **Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.**

Information Items:

Project Report: Lori Williams presented the Rock River Trail Initiative Water Trail Plan. Advisory Board member Presney highlighted the tourism benefit to Rock County from the land and water trails.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks:

Chairman Yankee welcomed new Parks Advisory Board member Dean Paynter.

Advisory board member Finney remarked that the parks usage is up with the cooler weather. Gibbs Lake Park is a very well used park by equestrians. Finney also reported his findings on his research into an ADA accessible mounting apparatus for Gibbs Lake Park. Finney will provide a photo to Lori Williams of a mounting that would be able to be used by everyone.

Advisory Board member Presney reported that Green Fund monies will be used for appraisals for the DeLong property and closing costs on the Avon land donation. As such, the fund will be holding fundraisers this fall to replenish its coffers. Advisory Board member Presney reported on a joint meeting with the cities of Janesville and Beloit along with Joleen Stinson Rock County Parks Community Coordinator regarding the emerald ash borer infestation in Rock County. Discussed were joint scales of economy, the future of the infestation, tree removal, disposal of infected trees and future replacement of trees. Several options for disposal of the trees include grinding the wood and offering it to the public for personal use, burning the debris or paper mills to use the pulp.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved to adjourn at 8:38 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thoni  
Cost Allocation Specialist