

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – 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, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

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: Dean Paynter, Rock Trail Coalition

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

Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2011. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Supervisor Arnold thanked the Parks Department for straightening out the trees at Sweet-Allyn County Park.

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

PARKS BUSINESS

Beloit to Janesville Peace Trail Plan Update – Dean Paynter. Dean discussed the trail and progress being made on obtaining parcels. The Rock Trail Coalition group has property halfway to Beloit. They have hired SA Design to work on a corridor study from Afton to Big Hill Park. He discussed the various options of getting from Afton to Big Hill Park. The Rock Trail Coalition wants this to be a county trail. Chair Yankee asked what kind of traffic would be allowed on the trail and Dean replied that would be up to this Committee. He recommends bicycles, pedestrians, and no motorized vehicles. A brief discussion on snowmobile use and equestrian use took

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place. Mr. Presny stated the Rock Trail Coalition takes good care of the Rock River Parkway Trail and the City does very little work on it. Mike Guisleman stated the long-term plan is to hook up to the Illinois trail. Dean hopes the Committee can commit to making this a county trail.

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

Lori discussed the Stewardship Grant available for the DeLong property. The DNR is requiring us to change our ordinance to allow trapping. Discussion on allowing trapping took place. Lori will gather more information and discuss this further with Corporation Counsel.

A reminder of the Green Fund's hike at Beckman Mill Friday night, January 13 took place. Supervisor Diestler asked that all County Board members be reminded of this event.

Lori reported the balance in the ATC fund account is \$523,419.09 as of December 31, 2011.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd does not think trapping would be a big problem at that location.

Mike Guisleman had no special comments. Tom Presny reminded everyone of the Friday night event. He also passed around the magazine "Impact" that included articles on awards given to Lori Williams and Joleen Stinson in November at their conference.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, February 14.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:40 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II