

**RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

**Summary Minutes**

**Ives Grove Complex Auditorium**

Ives Groves Office Complex

14200 Washington Avenue

Sturtevant, WI 53177

- Committee present:** Ronald Molnar, David Cooke, Robert Grove, Mark Gleason  
Kiana Harden-Johnson, Tom Hincz, Scott Maier
- YIG Representatives:** Hunter Ostergaard (excused), Samantha Penzkowski (excused)
- Staff Present:** Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Department Director  
David Prott, Highway & Parks Superintendent  
Nathan Plunkett, County Engineering Manager
- Others Present:** Martha Hutsick and Dan Hosmanek

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

6:00

Roll call vote was taken and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ronald Molnar.

**2. Approval of the December 8, 2016, summary minutes**

**SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor HINCZ, to approve the December 8, 2016, summary minutes.**

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**3. Approval of the January 10, 2017, summary minutes**

**SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor COOKE, to approve the January 10, 2017, summary minutes.**

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Presentation by Martha Hutsick and Dan Hosmanek regarding a proposed timeline for Quarry Lake Water Quality Improvement (10 minutes)**

Ms. Hutsick provided the Committee with a proposed timeline for 2017-2018 with respect to improving not only water quality, but other park conditions. She feels that the Friends of Quarry Lake Park could be a big help with clean-up activities, pulling weeds, etc., at the park. The primary concern is how to eradicate the weeds in the Lake as soon as possible.

Mr. Hosmanek also suggested that perhaps waivers for volunteers could be used while they are working to clean up the site and assisting with other service-oriented projects at the Quarry Lake.

It is understood that there is only \$25,000 in the 2017 budget, but that it would be the desire of the Friends Group to see tangible results by way of both cleaner water and beaches in the hope of getting more money into the 2018 budget.

Ms. Hutsick also thinks that a combined effort between the Friends Group, Racine County parks staff and other potential volunteers could make a huge difference in the way the park looks and feels for visitors, swimmers and others.

NOTE: NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE, AS THIS WAS INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

**6. Discussion and possible recommendation(s) to amend the Racine County 2017 Budget for Capital Improvement Projects for the Ives Grove Office Complex**

Supervisors Grove and Gleason requested this agenda item. Discussion was held regarding repair of the fire alarm system that serves the entire Ives Grove complex. Staff noted that the cost to complete this will be approximately \$100,000, but that the local fire officials now also want smoke detectors in every office and room and cubicle throughout the building. This might not be feasible since offices change, setups change for cubicles and staff is working with the fire officials on questions regarding requirements. Staff noted that the Ives Grove building is NOT unsafe, it is just a matter of completing the renovation/repair to the fire alarm detection system.

The second item of concern was the HVAC system for Ives Grove. Anderson explained that the building was built in phases and that the HVAC has several zones for various areas, and that it is not unusual to have varying temperatures from one area of the building to another, due to the size of the building as well as the location of the HVAC units. Original units are in the basement and were fabricated in place as the Ives building was constructed. To upgrade those units would also require removal of the basement units and then fabricating new units in that same area, which is a very costly project. There are also roof units in some areas of the building. The estimated cost to renovate the HVAC is approximately \$750,000.

Supervisors directed staff to come up with current numbers for the fire alarm system and to bring those back to the Committee for a vote so it can then move to Finance and then the County Board for possible amendment of the 2017 Racine County Capital Improvements Budget.

NOTE: NO FORMAL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THIS MATTER.

**7. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of funds using Performance-Based Maintenance (PBM) proceeds for the purchase of confined space equipment for the Racine County Public Works Division**

Dave Prott presented this item. He explained that he attended a State meeting, and that the State sets the rates for equipment usage. In terms of the confined-space equipment, Prott sought out three (3) written quotes and obtained a favorable quote. The PBM funds to be used for the purchase are state money, but Racine County buys the equipment “up front” and then the County is reimbursed by the State for the purchase.

**SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on February 14, 2017, with the recommendation to approve.**

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**8. Review, discussion, and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing the conveyance of county-owned property east of Morning View Circle in the Town of Waterford by permanent easement to Wisconsin Electric Power Company (DBA We Energies) to extend gas facilities for improved utility services  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading requested at the February 14, 2017, County Board meeting)**

Plunkett presented the request and draft resolution. Discussion was held as to the depth of the pipe beneath the Fox River. The plans show that the pipe would be placed five (5) feet beneath the bottom of the river bed. Supervisor Hincz advised staff to make sure We Energies is made aware of the future dredging planned for this area so that their gas line is placed deep enough.

**SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings on February 14, 2017, with the recommendation to approve.**

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**9. Review, discussion, and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing relocation and acquisition of right-of-way for a highway improvement project at the intersection of County Trunk Highway (CTH) K and County Trunk Highway (CTH) V in the Village of Caledonia  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading requested at the February 14, 2017, County Board meeting)**

Plunkett presented the request and draft resolution. This would involve acquisition of, or easements, with a total of ten (10) parcels in the area of the proposed roundabout. There are 4.6 acres being purchased at an estimated total cost of \$50,000-\$100,000 (range is approximate) and

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another 0.4 acre is being sought for an easement. The cost of the consultant is approximately \$25,000. Plunkett also noted that DNR and ACOE permits are “underway” for the project. Discussion followed about the proposed alignment of the roundabout, and it was explained by staff that the current design is at 60% completion and it is the best alignment in terms of avoiding wetland areas. The roundabout is designed to handle increased traffic through that area and it will handle large trucks as they maneuver through the roundabout.

**SUPERVISOR SCOTT MAIER MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove,** to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings on February 14, 2017, with the recommendation to approve.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Ostergaard N/A

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**10. Miscellaneous Public Works Business**

- Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 9, 2017

**11. Adjourn**

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz,** to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.