

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

6:00 PM

Summary Minutes

Public Works-Development Services Conference Room
Ives Groves Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Committee Present: Ronald Molnar, Mark Gleason, Tom Hincz, Kiana Harden-Johnson, Robert Grove

Members Excused: David Cooke, Scott Maier

Youth in Governance

Representatives Present: Hunter Ostergaard (present), Samantha Penzkowski (excused)

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Director of Public Works & Development Services
David Prott, Superintendent of Highways & Parks

Also Present: Peter Eitel, & Chad Wick, H & H Fairway Enterprises, Inc.
Members of the Racine County Fair Board
Pam Debele, 4-H/UW Extension

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ron Molnar.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of the February 9, 2017, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR GLEASON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove, to approve the February 9, 2017, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

4. Approval of the February 23, 2017, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason. to approve the February 23, 2017, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye

Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

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5. Review and discussion of proposed 2017 golf fees and rules and regulations as presented by Peter Eitel, President of H & H Enterprises, Inc.

After being introduced to the Committee by Anderson, Peter Eitel presented proposed fee changes and golf rules and regulations for the 2017 season. Contract allows golf fees to be increased a certain percentage over the previous year CPI. The rates are competitive with what other courses charge. The non-resident/resident fees were discontinued a few years ago. The rate increases are conservative. The level of rate increase only requires Committee action and not County Board action. Anderson noted that many golf outings on the south side of Milwaukee County compete with Oakwood Golf Course (a county-owned course) and Ives Grove. Ives Grove has seen an increase in outings from Milwaukee County because the course is easy to find, the rates are reasonable, the service is excellent and the greens and fairways are very well maintained. The rate increases would be for both Ives Grove and Browns Lake Golf Courses and effective immediately upon Committee approval.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to approve the 2017 golf fees and rules and regulations as presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

6. Review, discussion and possible approval of a request from Scott Gunderson, Racine County Fair President, for construction of an open shelter at Old Settlers Park in Union Grove

Without objection by the Committee, this item was moved up on the agenda as several members from the Racine County Fair Board were present to briefly discuss this project. The proposal includes a concrete slab covered by a 40" x 64' open-sided shelter, south of the Bingo Hall and in the same location as the annual location of the animals petting pen at the fair. Anderson and Prott informed the Committee that there is \$30,000 allocated in the 2017 County Budget to go towards this project. Prott indicated that they need to discuss the project with the local building inspector, as this might require state-approved plans. The people involved with building the open shelter will make sure the area is "hot lined" before any work begins, and that they should contact Dave Prott with further questions.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by, Supervisor Harden-Johnson, to approve the proposed open-sided shelter as presented. Anderson noted that a letter would be forthcoming and sent to Scott Gunderson with details of the County approval.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

**7. Special Use Request / 4-H Youth Development Program
Exception to Sec. 14-64, Hours entry permitted, Racine County Code of Ordinances**

Anderson presented the initial information about this request. This will involve an overnight stay at Colonel Heg Park for a group of 4-H members and chaperones, the weekend of Memorial Day. Normal park hours are sunrise to sunset, so this is a request for a waiver to that rule. The purpose of this event is to bring awareness to homelessness. Anderson also noted that the Town of Norway officials and Norway Town police have been advised of this proposed activity and they did not express any concerns. Anderson also noted that the facilities at the park are open 24/7 during the park season, which would include the date of the overnight stay. Pam Debele was present to confirm what Anderson explained to the Committee. She said they were going to hold the event in Burlington, but were unable to do so due to Chocolate Fest being held that same weekend.

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove, to approve the request for an exemption to Sec. 14-64.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

8. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of outdoor recreation trail aids – county snowmobile trail aids funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

Anderson and Prott explained the Trail Aids program and that the WDNR requires a resolution each year. There are 12 snowmobile trail clubs in Racine County and each club sets up the trails, signs the trails and maintains the trails during the winter months. At the close of the season, the clubs submit requests for reimbursement for work done on the trail systems. The WDNR also just started an electronic reporting system for trails, which makes for less paperwork as the reporting can all be done online by the clubs. Request is for first reading at the March 23, 2017, County Board meeting.

SUPERVISOR HARDEN-JOHNSON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to forward a resolution to the County Board, with a recommendation to approve, for 1st reading at the March 28, 2017, County Board meeting.

Gleason noted that the trail passes that are now required have brought the WDNR some revenue that should allow continued maintenance of the snowmobile trail system not only in this county, but across the state.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

9. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing the execution of a three-year contract between Racine County and Brown's Lake Ski Club for use of Einer Fischer Park

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Anderson presented this item. The contract is very detailed and will be reviewed by Corporation Counsel. She noted that the Ski Club has been a very thoughtful, courteous and good user of the park for their ski practices and shows, and that they work hard to keep the site clean and in good condition. The Public Works and Development Services Department has received no complaints about the ski club or how they operate. Staff recommends approval of the new 3-year contract.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to forward a resolution to the County Board, with a recommendation to approve, for 1st reading at the March 28, 2017, County Board meeting.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

10. Special Use Request / Norway Community Fund – Walk/Run/Bike fundraiser

Anderson presented this item. This is a special use request to use part of a county-managed bike trail for a fund raiser event on September 10, 2017. A map included in the packets shows the route that will be used, and there will be no crossing of STH 36 for this event. Funds raised are used to award scholarships and to provide grants to nonprofit organizations. Staff recommends approval.

SUPERVISOR GLEASON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Harden-Johnson, to approve the Walk/Run/Bike fundraising event sponsored by the Norway Community Fund.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

11. Miscellaneous Public Works Information

- March 23, 2017, PWPFC meeting is cancelled. If needed, a special meeting could be called. Next meeting will be April 13, 2017, if warranted.
- Grove commented that this time of year, conditions in the fields and lack of snow become attractive for UTV and ATV riders who use the trails and tear up some fields. He questioned when the WDNR would officially close trails due to lack of precipitation. Anderson noted that the trails require a minimum of 6 inches of snow pack to be open and that there have only been 2 days this season when trails were open due to lack of snow.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR GLEASON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove,** to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**