

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 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, Robert Grove, David Cooke, Scott Maier

Members Excused: Tom Hincz, Kiana Harden-Johnson

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
Nathan Plunkett, County Engineering Manager

Also Present: Patrick Haley, Carefree Enzymes
Martha Hutsick, Friends of Quarry Lake
Dan Hosmanek, Friends of Quarry Lake
Tom Karkow, WRJN

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

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

2. Approval of the March 9, 2017, summary minutes

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

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye

Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

3. Public Comments

Martha Hutsick offered comments and suggestions relative to Quarry Lake clean up and beach restoration to get rid of the muck accumulation. She suggested that perhaps a front end loader or some other heavy equipment could push the muck and sand off the ledge off the beach area and then County could bring in clean sand to create a new beach.

4. Presentation by Patrick Haley, Carefree Enzymes, regarding Quarry Lake water quality improvement (10 minutes)

Mr. Haley had a powerpoint prepared, but there were technical difficulties with the computer which prevented the powerpoint from working. Mr. Haley discussed various ways to help clean up the water quality in the Quarry Lake, and that aeration units would be a great first start, along with possible addition of enzymes to help break down the sediment and plant overgrowth. He also suggested that technology exists whereby a vacuum could be used to remove sediment in areas of concern. The material forms a "brick-like" substance which can then be landfilled. Discussion was held.

Staff agreed to make copies of his powerpoint presentation and to share with the Committee and County Executive if desired.

There was no action taken by the Committee on this item.

5. Review, discussion, and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing and accepting funding for installation of the Simplex fire alarm system in the Ives Grove Public Works shop area and adjacent outbuildings

Anderson presented the basic information about the updating of the Simplex fire alarm system that was already underway in the Ives Grove offices. Phase II includes the installation of fire alarms/smoke detectors in the entire east end of the Ives Grove building shop area plus the adjacent building to the east of the shop. Phase I was approved in the 2017 budget, but Phase II was not. The cost for Phase II, in total, is \$205,398.00. A fiscal note would be needed and a new capital project identified for 2017 budget. The County Executive would have to find money to make this happen so the Ives Building can be brought up to current standards for fire alarms. Anderson emphasized that the Ives building is completely safe, and that the installation of this newer technology is necessary to meet fire codes. The existing fire alarm system is out of date and repair parts are no longer available. Dave Prott also explained that the process would go through Finance Committee, then to the County Board for approval. The plans need to be State approved as well. Discussion followed.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to approve the resolution authorizing and accepting funding for installation of the Simplex fire alarm system in the Ives Grove Public Works shop area and adjacent outbuilding (Phase II).

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

6. Review, discussion, and possible approval of a request from the City of Racine to add paving of Old Mill Road into the County's 2018 CTH "MM" construction project

Nathan Plunkett explained to the Committee that the request from the City of Racine to add paving to the northern extent of the County's MM rebuild project along Old Mill Road was received at a very late hour as road designs, engineering and plans are nearly complete. The project will be let in late 2017 for a 2018 build. To make additions to the project now could result in delays and the need to re-evaluate environmental documents. In addition, the area the City is requesting for repaving would be done in asphalt as the rest of the highway is being replaced with concrete. Staff noted that we are always willing to work with the City and cooperate when and where it makes sense to do so, but in this case, staff does not want to jeopardize the reconstruction timeline for CTH "MM" and the MM/STH 38 intersection.

Discussion followed. Supervisors agree with staff. They are glad that we made an attempt to try and work with the City on the repaving of the end of Old Mill Road, but they understand the timeline and that it would make more sense for the City to do this small area of repaving once the MM project is completed after the 2018 season. They expressed disappointment that this request came in so very late in the process.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, to DENY the request from the City of Racine to add paving of a portion of Old Mill Road into the County's 2018 CTH "MM" construction project.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Ostergaard: aye
Youth Representative Penzkowski aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

7. Miscellaneous Business

- No PWPFC meeting on May 11, 2017
- Next regularly scheduled PWPFC meeting: May 25, 2017, if warranted.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR DAVID COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Robert Grove, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**