

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Summary Minutes

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

Committee Present: Ronald Molnar, Tom Hincz, Robert Grove, David Cooke, Scott Maier

Members Excused: Mark Gleason, Kiana Harden-Johnson

**Youth in Governance
Representatives Present:** Paige Betthausen (present)
Rasheed Muhammad (excused)

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

Also Present: Martha Hutsick, Friends of Quarry Lake Park/Adopt A Park
Scott Limberg, President, Brown's Lake Aquaducks
Brian Biedrzycki, Brown's Lake Venetian Fest Coordinator
Janet Hoff, 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 April 27, 2017, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Maier, to approve the April 27, 2017, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: N/A

Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

3. Public Comments

Martha Hutsick spoke briefly to the Committee about her concerns relative to ongoing and deferred maintenance at the Quarry Lake Park. She offered her group of volunteers to assist with any projects in the park. She suggested newer and more professional looking signs, repair of fence areas, and clearing of seaweed, algae and muck. She shared photos with the PWPFC about areas of concern that she thinks need to be addressed. Dave Prott reported that most of the items on her list are either being repaired now or are on the list for repair or replacement.

4. Review, discussion and possible recommendation(s) regarding proposed remedial action (i.e., phytoremediation) to improve Quarry Lake water quality

Anderson presented the memo prepared by Ben Haas, one of the Parks staff, relative to a collaborative idea for attempting to improve the water quality at Quarry Lake Park. The project would involve a combination of wetland islands being constructed, as well as placement of aerators and use of non-toxic agents to combat weeds. This work would be done with assistance from UW-Parkside students, Dr. Stephen Lyon, Dr. Joy Wolf and park staff. The cost would initially not exceed about \$10,000.

Discussion followed. Supervisor Cooke indicated that there could be interest from Carthage College as part of a senior study project. He is not opposed to this idea; on the other hand, he isn't sure if there are positive sides to this proposal. Supervisor Grove mentioned Patrick Haley and his Carefree Enzyme product. He said staff should coordinate a meeting with Mr. Haley and the project team to see if some enzymes might be used in this effort as well. Supervisor Molnar indicated he is not opposed to the work being proposed, although it's a very large area to attempt to treat. Dave Prott informed the PWPFC that many improvements are underway at the park and there is now summer help onboard and the help is being trained to do the work that needs to get done.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to approve the project as described, but not to exceed an initial \$10,000 in expenditures. The Committee also wants progress reports about how this project is working.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye
Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

5. Review, discussion and possible approval of a capital project to remove and replace the exterior siding on the fish cleaning station at Reefpoint Marina

Dave Prott presented three letter quotes received for the replacement of the siding at the fish cleaning station at the Reefpoint Marina. The lowest quote was from the same contractor who completed the work on the main administration building and other buildings at the marina. Anderson explained that the fish cleaning station is not part of the lease or area of responsibility for the Siegel-Gallagher group who currently manages the marina. That is reason why this is a separate project. Elite Exteriors bid of \$11,995 was the lowest bid. Money from leftover capital projects will be used for this project. The County Executive supports this project, as reported by Dave Prott.

Discussion followed.

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to approve the project to replace siding at the fish-cleaning station per the quoted price.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye
Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 4/0/1 Supervisor Scott Maier abstained from this vote due to his professional dealings with all of the three companies that submitted bids.

6. Special Use Request

- Brown's Lake Venetian Fest / Aquaducks show site & performance stage
Fischer Park, Saturday, July 1, 2017, 10:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Brian Biedrzycki from the Brown's Lake Venetian Fest and Scott Limberg from the Brown's Lake Aquaducks presented their detailed plan for a special event to be held July 1 at Fischer Park. They have a security plan in place, they will set up 2 tents, one for food and one for beer, and this will all take place in the area that is occupied/used by the Aquaducks. The Racine County Sheriff Office and local police have been informed and will be involved with this event as well.

Brief discussion followed and the PWPFC supports this event.

SUPERVISOR COOKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove, to approve the special use request as presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

7. Review, discussion and possible action on Report No. 2017-13 by the County Executive making reappointments to the Golf Course Improvement Committee

Anderson indicated that the two individuals (Rose Gordon and Frank Sterbin) have served on this Committee for a long time and they have done a great job and wish to continue to be on this Committee.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Cooke, to forward Report No. 2017-13 to the Racine County Board of Supervisors, recommending confirmation of the reappointments.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Betthausen: aye

Youth Representative Muhammad: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

8. Miscellaneous Business

- Next PWPFC meeting: June 8, 2017 (if a quorum is present). As of now, Supervisors Gleason and Molnar will not be available for that meeting. Anderson explained to the Youth in Governance representative present tonight that a meeting isn't held unless there are action items to discuss. A special meeting or conference call may always be scheduled if needed.
- The summer of 2017 meeting schedule could be a bit challenging due to Committee vacations, County Fair week and other goings on. Anderson will poll the group to see if any meetings need to be canceled due to lack of quorum for the summer months. It appears that no meeting will be held on June 22 due to lack of a quorum; also, the meeting set for July 27 will likely be canceled due to that being County Fair week.

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- YIG Paige Betthausen informed the PWPFC she will be studying abroad from June 18th through July 20 and will miss meetings held during that time period.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED**, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**