

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 - SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Committee Present: Robert Grove, Monte G. Osterman, Mike Dawson
Fabi Maldonado, Nick Demske

Members Excused: Tom Kramer, Tom Hincz

**Youth in Governance
Representatives Present:** Mackenzie Geschke
Achyut Krishnan

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

Also Present: Jim "Doc" Poplawski, Vice-President, Salmon Unlimited of WI
Chris Strege, President, Salmon Unlimited of WI
Martha Hutsick, Quarry Lake Volunteer

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Grove.

2. Approval of the June 14, 2018, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske, to approve the June 14, 2018, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

3. Public Comments (limited to 15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

Martha Hutsick addressed the Committee about the meeting held at the Quarry Lake Park on July 9, 2018. She provided a concise summary and indicated that there was good discussion about various projects at the park, and lists were created during the meeting as an outline for further discussion and possible budgetary considerations.

4. Review, discussion & possible recommendation concerning a request from Salmon Unlimited of Wisconsin to place life ring buoys/cabinets at the three access points to the Racine Harbor South Pier

Anderson informed the Committee that Salmon Unlimited would like to donate three (3) life ring buoys

for use at the south breakwater that is owned by Racine County. The group would also maintain and replace any buoys as needed.

Jim "Doc" Poplawski spoke to the Committee and said that Salmon Unlimited is concerned about water safety at the lakefront and they feel that the donation of life ring buoys will be helpful if and when needed. They will be installed along the south breakwater. Chris Strege added comments about how Salmon Unlimited likes to give back to the County and that they feel strongly that the life ring buoys will be helpful along the lakefront.

Discussion followed. Chair Grove indicated that this donation would have to be reviewed by the Racine Corporation Counsel before anything is installed. The Committee thanked Salmon Unlimited for their generous donation.

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske, to approve and accept the donation from Salmon Unlimited.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

5. Discussion and action regarding rescinding the highways impact fee for Casey's General Store in the Village of Caledonia (action of the Committee taken at May 10, 2018 meeting)

Anderson explained that the WI Statutes changed in 2006, and that change prohibits a County from collecting impact fees. Corporation Counsel caught this change during their review of the resolution that was recommended by the PWPF Committee on May 10, 2018. The resolution never went to the County Board for action. Anderson indicated that a motion to rescind the Committee action of May 10 was in order and that would then complete the record if in the future this issue was revisited.

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Madonado, to rescind the recommendation for a County impact fee payment for the Casey's General Store proposed development at the northeast corner of Four Mile Road and Charles Street. Discussion followed about how the \$10,000 fee was calculated. Anderson and Prutt indicated that number was found within the traffic impact study that was prepared by a consultant for this project.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

6. Update on Quarry Lake Park project(s)

Anderson thanked Martha Hutsick for coordinating the meeting held on July 9, 2018. She thanked Martha for the work done by the "friends group" at the Quarry Lake and for their continued efforts. Anderson and Prutt explained the water treatment situation. The DNR recommends a product that will treat the water for a ten-year period. The product is "ALUM" and it is applied for a cost of approximately \$700-\$800 per acre for the 18-acre lake. It would be applied by licensed personnel and in accordance with all DNR regulations.

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Anderson explained the interview she had on camera with WTMJ on Tuesday morning, July 10. She did not know that the reporter was going to interview people and get video of cliff jumping at the Quarry. Anderson noted that this is an illegal activity and that we might use social media to inform the public that cliff diving is prohibited and is subject to a fine. Safety issues are paramount and cliff diving is dangerous.

Anderson and Prott gave an update on the beach restoration project, which should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Prott provided an update on the paving project. The project is out for bids, which are due later in the month of July. Staff will bring information on bids back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The Committee asked about the condition of the fishing pier. Prott explained that the water level in Quarry Lake is lower than normal and this is affecting the piers. Prott also explained that piers are checked often by park staff and that they are structurally sound and safe for fishing. The Committee would like information about ALUM water treatment e-mailed to them, but they also want the project to move forward and not have further delays, if possible. Staff will follow through on this request.

There was no formal action needed or taken by the Committee for this staff update.

7. Communications and referrals

- Report No. 2018-22 by the County Executive making a recommendation for reappointments of Richard Hynek and Dan Strommen to the Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners (referred to the PWPFC at the July 10, 2018, County Board meeting)

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to forward Report No. 2018-22 to the Racine County Board of Supervisors, recommending confirmation of the reappointments.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

8. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- The July 26, 2018, PWPFC meeting is suspended, taking into consideration the occurrence of the Racine County Fair on July 25 – July 29.
- The next regularly scheduled PWPFC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018, if warranted.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Maldonado,** to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0