

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 - SUMMARY MINUTES

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

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

Youth in Governance Mackenzie Geschke (arrived 6:25 p.m.)
Representatives Present: Achyut Krishnan - excused

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

Also Present: Pete Eitel, H&H Fairway Enterprises
Ken Walton Representing Agenda Item # 5
Tom Banner Regarding Agenda Item # 7
Mariann Hansen Representing Agenda Item # 6
David & Barbara Schneider Representing Agenda Item # 7
Janet Trossen Regarding Agenda Item # 6
Nancy Simonson Regarding Agenda Item # 6
David Willing Regarding Agenda Item # 6

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 August 9, 2018, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to approve the August 9, 2018, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

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

- Barbara Schneider spoke about Agenda Item # 7 and the park bench project donation of \$5,000 for the Veterans Memorial at Pritchard Park.
- Tom Banner spoke about Agenda Item # 7 and the various projects planned for the Veterans Memorial at Pritchard Park.

- Mariann Hansen spoke about Agenda Item # 6 and her donation of \$20,000 for dog watering stations at the Karen A. Nelson Dog Park.
- Janet Trossen spoke about Agenda Item # 6 and memorial bricks at the Karen A. Nelson Dog Park.
- Nancy Simonson spoke about Agenda Item # 6 and changes and improvements desired at the Karen A. Nelson Dog Park.

4. Review and discussion of USGA Course Consulting Service Report for Racine County Golf Courses 2018

Pete Eitel provided a brief summary of the condition of the two county-owned golf courses at Ives Grove and Browns Lake. Discussion about the irrigation system, as well as the need for this annual study. Under the terms of the contract with H & H Fairway Enterprises, there is a requirement to have an annual golf course inspection and report. This is an indicator to Racine County as to the “health” of the golf courses, including recommendations and/or deficiencies at the courses. It was noted that this has been a challenging year for golf and the health of the courses due to very wet and then very dry course conditions. Discussion followed.

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske, to receive and file the report. No further action by the Committee is required.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke: N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

5. Special Use Request

- **Boy Scout Section Conclave Event
Old Settlers Park, April 12-14, 2019**

Ken Walton explained the proposed event. It will be held Friday night until Sunday morning, regardless of weather conditions. The event will occupy the County Fair Grounds, as well as the Old Settlers Park, and will involve 400-500 scouts from the upper Midwest. Discussion followed. Confirmed that there will be no fire pits or fire rings at this event. Confirmed that there are restrooms and showers onsite, but there may be a need for additional portable restrooms for the weekend. Confirmed that tents will be set up for the scouts for the weekend. The event organizers are working cooperatively with Racine County, as well as the County Fair leadership team. Further discussion followed.

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to table the request until all details are worked out and then bring it back to the Committee for final approval. Discussion followed. The Boy Scout leadership needs to have approvals in place so they may advertise this site and event starting in the next couple of weeks. County staff indicated they would work with the scout group and develop a comprehensive list of conditions so this site would work for them. SUPERVISOR HINCZ amended his motion, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to approve the request as presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

6. **Review, discussion and possible approval on a resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$20,000.00 donation from Mariann Hansen for the purchase and installation of a dog water fountain at the Karen A. Nelson Dog Park at Racine County Quarry Lake Park and approval for installation of two bronze plaques in the fountain cement pad (1st reading at the September 25, 2018, County Board meeting)**

Anderson indicated that this item was presented earlier and that the County is very grateful for this generous donation which will allow watering stations to be installed at the Karen A. Nelson Dog Park. She also referred to **Resolution Number 2018-70** and explained that the cost of installation of the water stations is about \$30,000 and this will be a project done in 2019.

Discussion followed. The Committee thanked Ms. Hansen for her generous donation.

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Kramer, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1st reading on September 25, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

7. **Review, discussion and possible approval on a resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$5,000.00 donation from David and Barbara Schneider to purchase a bench for the Veterans Memorial in Pritchard Park in memory of Richard John Heck, Sr., for his service in the Korean War (1st reading at the September 25, 2018, County Board meeting)**

Anderson indicated that this donation, referred to as **Resolution 2018-69**, was explained earlier in the meeting. The Committee thanked David and Barbara Schneider for their generous donation.

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Maldonado, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1st reading on September 25, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

8. **Review, discussion and possible approval on a resolution authorizing a cost-share grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for urban and community forestry projects or urban forestry catastrophic storm projects (1st and 2nd reading at the September 25, 2018, County Board meeting)**

Dave Prott explained this \$25,000 grant program and that it is a 50/50 match of DNR funds and County in-kind or matching cost-share dollars. The deadline to apply for the grant is October 1, 2018, thereby necessitating action of the County Board at their meeting on September 25, 2018.

It is anticipated that this grant will be used to eliminate invasive plants in Pritchard Park, especially in the area identified as Oak Forest in the southern portion of the park. Discussion followed regarding volunteers and in-kind dollars. **Reference Resolution 2018-68.**

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SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Kramer, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1st and 2nd reading on September 25, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: N/A

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0

8. Communications and referrals

Anderson noted that the Moving Wall for the Vietnam Veterans will be at Pritchard Park May 16-20, 2019. Prott is working with the team to determine set up / viewing areas, as well as electric service pedestal placements that will be needed to illuminate the wall. No Committee action was taken.

Anderson informed the Committee that there is a possibility that 4-way stops will be added as a temporary traffic management measure at the intersections of CTH "V"/ "C", CTH "V"/"K" and CTH "V"/"G". This may be necessary due to I-94 work that is causing traffic to utilize other County highway routes to get through and around the area. No Committee action was taken.

Supervisor Hincz reported that he is working with the WisDOT to obtain a written determination about what statutes and regulations control the truck traffic and land use for sand and gravel products that are under state contracts. He indicated that these uses are out of the County and Town jurisdictions and that the number of trucks is rapidly increasing, not only in Waterford, but in Norway as well. He hopes to give a report once he gets more information. No Committee action was taken.

9. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- The next regularly scheduled PWPFC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, if warranted.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business,

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0