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## **RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING** **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 - SUMMARY MINUTES**

Ives Grove Auditorium  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant WI 53177

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**Committee Present:** Robert Grove, Tom Kramer, Tom Hincz, Jody Spencer,  
Thomas Pringle, Brett Nielsen

### **Youth in Governance**

**Representatives :** Roselyn Pachero (present) , Robert Barkley Jr. (excused)

**Staff Present:** Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director  
Roley Behm, Engineering Manager  
Ben Haas, Parks Manager

### **Also Present:**

Martha Hutsick, Friends of Quarry Lake  
Curt Foreman, Brewfest Partners  
Bill Sweetman, RYS

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### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Bob Grove.

### **2. Review and possible approval of the July 23, 2020 summary minutes**

**SUPERVISOR Tom PRINGLE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor NIELSEN, to approve the July 23, 2020 minutes as submitted.**

### **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Pachero: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**3. Public Comments**

Martha Hutsick spoke in support of the proposed beach house replacement structure at Quarry Lake Park. She also expressed concerns about funding for the Quarry Lake Park if the County were to take over operations of the Caledonia/Mt Pleasant Joint Park.

Anderson read public comments that were emailed to the office before the 4pm deadline today. There were 3 emails from area residents opposing a pop-up beer garden at Haban Park and also an email from Mt Pleasant regarding process for a beer garden permit at Haban park for RYS.

**4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Caledonia-Mt. Pleasant Joint Park: Racine County Collaboration (Laid over on July 23, 2020).**

Anderson summarized the discussion from July 23, 2020. She also shared that she was made aware that Caledonia may invest in repairs to the Joint Park and maybe a collaboration would make more sense in future years. Anderson said that we want to be a partner with communities and see the park improved and deferred maintenance taken care of, but the County would have a large up-front investment for staffing and equipment if this were to happen in 2021. Discussion followed.

**SUPERVISOR Tom HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor NIELSEN, to deny the request to take over park operations at this time, but to re-visit this collaboration in the future.**

The Committee expressed interest in rehabilitation of the park, but the timing of this ask by the Villages is not good because County budgets for 2021 are going to be very challenging.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Pachero: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**5. Review, discussion, and possible action on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the temporary beer garden at Cliffside Park Picnic Area #1, Sept. 26/27, 2020, to include music and a food truck. (Applicant: Racine Brewing Co/Angie Molina).**

Staff presented this item and Ben Haas worked with Ms. Molina on the details of the MOU. This document template was drafted by Corporation Counsel in 2019 and there is also an accompanying site plan. The next step, if the Committee approves the MOU is to send it to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings. Staff clarified that there will be one or two non-profits involved in this beer sale as a fundraiser.

**SUPERVISOR Jody SPENCER MOVED, seconded by Supervisor NIELSEN, to approve the MOU for the temporary beer garden request at Cliffside Park, subject to the applicant working with staff on site and operations details.**

No further discussion on the motion.

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**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Barkley: aye

Youth Representative Pachero: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**

- 6. Review, discussion, and possible action on a special use request for a temporary beer garden at Racine County's Haban Park from Sept 3 through Sept 6, 2020 (Applicant Brian Krogh of Racine Youth Sports).**

Bill Sweetman discussed the proposal for a pop-up beer garden to be held at Haban Park Spet 3-6, 2020. He indicated that there would be food trucks and bands and emphasized this was to be a family fun event. He explained to the Committee that revenues for the park were severely impacted in 2020 due to the pandemic. There would be no baseball games or youth sports occurring when this special use was happening. Curt Foreman of Brewfest Partners also spoke and explained that this is only a temporary event and he has experience and would assist RYS in this event.

Anderson explained to the Committee that the Village of Mt Pleasant did not act on this yet and they did not yet issue a beer permit until the County took action on the proposed use. There was confusion about the application that was submitted, but it was established that a complete application was submitted to the County for consideration.

**Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved, second by Supervisor HOPKINS**, to approve this use and to limit hours to end at 8pm each day. Also, that the Committee would recommend to the County Board 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings at the August 25, 2020 meeting. There will be a special meeting of the Committee just prior to the County Board meeting to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the Resolution language that would be voted on by the full County Board. There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE:

Youth in Governance: Aye

County Board Supervisors: 7/0 Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Review, discussion, and possible action on a Resolution to indefinitely prohibit large gatherings and special uses that would otherwise require written permission from the Racine County Public Works, Parks and Facilities Committee in all Racine County Parks during the duration of the national pandemic emergency, effective September 11, 2020.**

Anderson presented this item. There is a park policy that requires full Committee approval of large gatherings, and there have been calls to the office inquiring about large political rallies, carnivals, etc., this summer. Staff is concerned that during the pandemic, there is movement towards the use of County parks for various uses since it is outside. Staff is considering a Resolution that would prohibit large gatherings during the pandemic, although staff also does not want to run into issues with certain youth sports and things that may be allowed under certain conditions. Discussion followed.

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**Motion made by Supervisor Tom KRAMER to allow staff to prohibit large gatherings at County Parks during the pandemic by way of a temporary policy. Second by Supervisor HINCZ. Vote: 7/0 in favor and motion carried unanimously. YIG Vote: 1/0 in favor.**

**8. Review and discussion regarding pavement conditions on Racine County Highways and proposed 5-year capital improvements plan.**

Roley Behm presented this item, in the form of a map that shows current county highway pavement conditions as well as a list of the ranking of roads that need the most work. Anderson and Behm explained to the Committee that each year as budgets are prepared and capital requests are submitted, that the list is based upon the condition of the pavement throughout the County. Behm and Anderson explained how costly it is to rebuild a highway versus rehabilitation of a highway.

There was no further discussion. There was no action taken on this information item.

**9. Communications and Referrals**

NONE

**10. Miscellaneous Public Works business**

Next scheduled PWPFC meeting: September 10, 2020, if warranted.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved**, seconded by **Supervisor KRAMER**, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

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