

(approved by committee on January 14, 2021)

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 (conf call), Jody Spencer, Brett Nielsen (conf call), Eric Hopkins, Tom Hincz

Committee Excused: Thomas Pringle

Youth in Governance Representatives: Roselyn Pachero (present), Robert Barkley Jr. (excused)

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director
Dave Prott, Highways & Parks Superintendent
Ben Haas, Parks (conf call)
Sarah Kidd, Assistant Corporation Counsel (conf call)

Others Present: Pete Eitel, President of H&H Fairways Enterprises, Inc

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 draft summary minutes for the November 12, 2020 meeting.

Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved, seconded by **Supervisor HOPKINS**, to approve these minutes as presented at 6:01 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**

3. Public Comments

Anderson reported that there were no emailed comments submitted by the deadline for this meeting and there were no members of the public present in the Ives Auditorium except for Pete Eitel who was here to discuss another agenda item.

4. Review, discussion, and action on a Resolution to approve the northeast pond improvement project design sponsored by Root-Pike WIN at Racine County's Pritchard Park. (1st reading requested at the 12/22/2020 County Board meeting)

Anderson presented this item. She reminded the PWPF that Dave Giordano from Root Pike WIN was present at the November 12, 2020 meeting and showed slides and provided a detailed plan of how to improve and restore the northeast pond at Pritchard Park. Anderson indicated that the Resolution being requested for support from the Committee tonight is only to accept the proposed design for the restoration of the pond. Further, Anderson noted that Root Pike WIN is seeking grants to fully cover the cost of this project. This item has a fiscal note attached, but no cost to the County.

Discussion followed. Anderson clarified that if grant money was not found to cover the cost of the restoration of the pond, then the project would not go forward.

Supervisor Brett NIELSEN moved, seconded by **Supervisor HINCZ**, to approve the proposed design and to forward a Resolution for first reading of the County Board on December 22, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0, YIG Aye**

5. Review, discussion, and action on a Resolution authorizing an amendment for a five (5) year lease extension for years 2021-2025 (plus a possible 5-year extension 2025-2031) between H & H Fairway Enterprises Inc and Racine County to manage the operation of the golf courses at Ives Grove and Browns Lake (1st and 2nd readings requested at 12/22/2020 County Board meeting)

Anderson introduced this item, reminding the PWPF that the golf courses are "enterprise funds," meaning that any golf-derived revenues are put back into the golf courses. This Resolution is to allow a 5-year lease between Racine County and H&H Enterprises from 2021-2025, with a 2nd 5-year option to extend the lease to the year 2031. Anderson explained that H&H has a long and successful history of responsible operation of the golf courses, as well as a large customer base and an outstanding working relationship with Racine County through the years. Anderson also stated that County Executive Delagrave fully supports this continued relationship between Racine County and H&H Enterprises and that he will speak to this item at the night of the 2nd reading and full county board vote in early 2021. Pete Eitel then spoke to the history of the relationship between H&H and Racine County and how well the golf courses have been doing through the years. He noted that Ives Grove Golf Course was voted best golf course in Racine County in 2020 and that he takes a lot of pride in operating and maintaining the golf courses at Ives and Browns Lake. There was also discussion about no change in the rent structure which currently calls for

13% of revenues to go to Racine County. Assistant Corp Counsel Sarah Kidd then explained the proposed amendment to the lease agreement. This item has a fiscal note attached.

The request is that the Committee look at Exhibit B “Third Amendment to lease agreement for Racine County Golf Courses 2016-2020” and to focus on changes to Section 2 and Section 3(H). Three percent of the 13% rent payment to the County will be reinvested for purchases agreed to by the golf course operator and Racine County for maintenance needs and purchase of items such as furniture at the golf courses. This also includes waiving of all bidding requirements.

Discussion followed. Supervisor Spencer asked why this isn’t going out to bid? Anderson indicated that the options are 1) to have Racine County take over operation of the golf courses, but there is a lack of county staffing and golf course knowledge, 2) to have H&H continue to operate the golf courses as has been done successfully for many years, or 3) to go out to bid and possibly get a “resort-type” course operator who would have staff rotating through the courses and operations potentially at a higher cost to the County.

More discussion followed. Anderson indicated that, after conferring with the County Executive and lead Corporation Counsel on this matter, that only first reading would be requested at the December 22, 2020 meeting if recommended by the PWWF Committee.

Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved, seconded by **Supervisor NIELSEN**, to forward a Resolution for first reading at the County Board on December 22, 2020.
Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0 YIG Aye

6. Review, discussion, and action on a Resolution authorizing a lease agreement with US Representative Bryan Steil for office space in the Racine County Courthouse. (1st and 2nd readings requested at the 12/22/2020 County Board meeting)

Anderson presented this item. Congressman Steil already has had an office in the Racine Co Courthouse for two years, and this request is to renew the lease for a small office space in the Racine County Courthouse for another two years, starting January 1, 2021. Steil and his staff chose the Courthouse due to its location downtown and for the security presence in the courthouse. This item has a fiscal note attached.

Discussion followed. Anderson indicated that the office space is 95 square feet. Also, due to the paperwork required by the Federal government to execute the lease, that both first and second readings are requested at the December 22, 2020 Racine County Board meeting.

Supervisor Brett NIELSEN moved, seconded by **Supervisor KRAMER**, to forward Resolution for first and second readings of the County Board on December 22, 2020.
Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0 YIG Aye

7. Communications and Referrals

Discussion of the 2021 Park and Camping reservations policy.

Anderson explained the new system for the Racine County reservations system for parks and camp sites. All reservations can be done online starting January 4, 2021. Also, there is a phone number available if anyone is unable to access online reservations. Anderson also noted that Real Racine has agreed to allow Racine County to take back all camping reservations into County Parks operations starting January 4, 2021. Further, Anderson shared that a new Facebook page has been created and launched for Racine County Parks. This will serve as a social media portal for information about County parks and projects in parks (such as at Quarry Lake Park in 2021) and she encouraged all supervisors to find and “like” the new page.

8. Miscellaneous Public Works business

- There is no meeting of the Committee on December 24, 2020, due to the holidays. Next scheduled PWPFC meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, **Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved**, seconded by **Supervisor HOPKINS**, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**