

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
Summary Minutes

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

Committee Present: Kay Buske, Bob Grove, Mike Dawson, Jeff Halbach, Monte G. Osterman,

Members Excused: Dan Sharkozy

Members Not Present: Kiana Johnson

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kay Buske

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Special Use Request

• **2014 TBG softball tournament at Cliffside Park**

Ms. Anderson provided background information, noting the request to reserve Cliffside Park ball diamonds and restrooms for the dates of August 14-17, 2014, for the TBG Softball Tournament was denied by the Public Works and Development Services Department. The denial was based on the number of complaints received from campers concerning tournament attendees' unruly behavior and misconduct at the approved 2013 TBG softball tournament and the failure of the applicants to follow conditions of approval established by this Committee in February 2013. Frank Hechmovich and Chad Londre, owner of the TBG Bar and Grill, were present tonight to request that the denial to reserve Cliffside Park ball diamonds and restrooms for the 2014 tournament be reconsidered. Ms. Anderson stated that if the Committee approves the reservation request tonight, staff would recommend that around-the-clock security for the duration of the event be a requirement and that a pre-event meeting with security personnel, TBG tournament organizers and appropriate County park staff take place in the Public Works and Development Services Conference Room at the Ives Grove Office Complex in an attempt to avoid any possible misunderstanding or miscommunication concerning the event requirements and conditions of approval.

Mr. Hechomovich and Mr. Londre addressed the Committee and answered questions about problems encountered at past tournaments. After some discussion, the Committee concluded that reconsideration of the park reservation denial and considering alternatives to address past tournament/campground problems are two separate issues. The Committee expressed a willingness to work with TBG tournament organizers; however, it was determined that more information from the

applicants is needed before a final decision by the Committee can be made. A detailed written plan must be submitted, including a specific site plan, operation plan, traffic management plan, parking plan, security plan, etc. The plan should address issues that have come up in the past and any issues that may potentially arise, taking into consideration Committee and staff recommendations and requirements. As they had done previously, staff has once again agreed to assist the applicants with the preparation of a detailed event plan.

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to table the request to the February 13, 2014, meeting in order to obtain additional information from the applicants. Mr. Hechmovich was instructed by the Committee to contact Ms. Anderson tomorrow. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

4. Review, discussion and possible action to authorize capital expenditure for Total Station GPS for the Engineering Division

The Finance Committee approved this expenditure at their January 7, 2014, meeting. The Public Works and Development Services Department's existing 1990's instrument is broken and replacement parts are no longer available. The Total Station GPS requires only one person to operate, as opposed to two needed for the old unit. The replacement instrument offers maximum productivity and precision, will last for years, and will be cost effective, serving not only the Engineering Division, but multiple divisions within the department.

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Halbach, to approve the purchase of the Total Station GPS. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

5. Update on the status of designs for canoe/kayak launches at Case Eagle Park in the Village of Rochester

Ms. Anderson informed the Committee that Baxter Woodman has completed about 85% of the preliminary design work for the two launch locations at Case Eagle Park. It is anticipated that a grant application will be submitted to the DNR sometime in May of 2014 and construction of one or both of the Case Eagle Park launches will be completed in 2015. The initial total cost for the Case Eagle projects, including design, materials, and construction, is estimated at \$30,000, with in-kind services provided by staff.

6. Update on the status of the Harbor Dredge and Boat Ramp Project

Ms. Anderson stated that the specifications for the dredge and boat ramp design will be ready some time this week, with bid openings scheduled for the first week in March, and mobilization for construction anticipated in early April of this year. The County received DNR approval to use Bell Harbor as a spoils deposition site, and 15,300 cubic yards of dredge spoils will be removed from the Pershing Park basin. The materials will be mechanically dredged, as opposed to hydraulically dredged as originally planned. A sea wall will be constructed to close off the 40-foot gap at the end of Bell Harbor basin and the steel fixed boat slips will be removed. The boat ramp is owned by the City of Racine and the City is working on the procurement of pre-cast concrete panels prior to the onset of the dredging project. The goal is to complete the project by the end of June, weather permitting. Ms. Anderson noted that the project is progressing on schedule and on budget. The overall budget for project is \$1.2 million.

7. Update on various pavement conditions on County Highways

Ms. Anderson noted that the most extensive road damage this winter has occurred in the following three locations:

(1) Extensive potholing on I-94 Racine County segments

In a cooperative effort with the WisDOT, County crews were able to implement rolling lane closures, the method of choice to ensure on I-94, County crews were able to quickly respond to the situation and complete patching on all 12 miles of interstate lanes in Racine County in a 24-hour period. The DOT is letting a contract to resurface I-94 and as soon as the contractor is hired, the rest of the repairs will be continued until the actual main line milling and repaving can be done this Spring when weather conditions approve.

(2) Highway K pavement heaving, from 96th Street to Highway 45

As recently as today, Racine County crews milled several inches off the road surface in some of the extremely rough areas on Highway K. It is anticipated that additional steps will be taken in the Spring to address road conditions that may occur as a result of the milling that was done. Engineering staff is creating a list of Highway K segments on which patchwork will be performed in the Spring - work that wasn't anticipated and, therefore, not included in the 2014 budget year.

(3) Highway D, from the Village of Rochester to Heritage Road

Racine County requested funding from the State's Transportation Program, Rural Roads, to rebuild the entire two-mile segment from Rochester to Heritage Road, and has been denied three times. The County doesn't qualify for funding now until the 2016-2017 cycle. Ms. Anderson emphasized the seriousness of the road conditions in this area. She noted that this road segment has not had new pavement in 40 years and that staff is working on a solution to this problem, with the possibility of a mill-and-pave project this Spring.

8. Approval of the December 12, 2013, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR GROVE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Halbach. to approve the December 12, 2013, summary minutes. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 50

9. Communications and Referrals

There were no communications or referrals.

10. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- Next meeting of Committee: February 13, 2014

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Grove,** to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0