

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
Summary Minutes

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

Committee Present: Katherine Buske, Dan Sharkozy, Kiana Johnson,
Tom Hincz, Pamela Zenner-Richards

Committee Excused: Ron Molnar

Committee Unexcused: Kenneth Lumpkin

**Youth in Governance (YIG)
Representatives Present:** Kristi Parsons, Mary Graeber

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

Also Present: Laura Lane, Phil Molitor, Josh Graf (YIG), Christian Ryan (YIG)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kay Buske.
Chair Buske gave a brief statement concerning the purpose of the Youth in Governance Program.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of the June 12, 2014, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR SHARKOZY MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz, to approve the June 12, 2014, summary minutes. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 4/0

4. Review, discussion and possible recommendation on a resolution authorizing Racine County to enter into 2014 Performance-Based Maintenance agreements for highway maintenance with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (*1ST and 2nd readings on July 22, 2014*)

Note: Supervisor Kiana Johnson arrived at the meeting at 6:11p.m. and had earlier advised Chair Buske she would arrive late.

Highway Superintendent Dave Prott explained the three (3) performance-based agreements for work to be done by Racine County for the State of Wisconsin DOT. Prott explained this is a pilot project and

that the work will begin as soon as the agreements are approved by the County Board and materials are then ordered to complete the work. The three projects involve crack sealing (Project 4951-41-02), sealing of bridge decks (Project 4951-41-61) and shouldering (Project 4951-41-21).

Discussion followed about change orders and if the State has the money to pay the County for the work, which Prott confirmed and described.

Due to timeliness issues, Anderson explained that these agreements need 1st and 2nd reading at the July 22, 2014 County Board meeting.

SUPERVISOR SHARKOZY MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Zenner-Richards, to forward a resolution to the County Board, with a recommendation for approval, for 1st and 2nd readings on July 22, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**

YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye
Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

5. Review, discussion and possible recommendation regarding a speed limit reduction on County Trunk Highway (CTH) J, from State Trunk Highway (STH) 142 and Mt. Tom Road in the Town of Burlington

Director Anderson gave a brief presentation for background purposes about this stretch of County Highway J, work that had been done on the road, and signs that had been posted in the past year based on concerns by neighbors in that area. Ms. Laura Lane was present, and she lives on that road and explained to the Committee that she has witnessed several accidents and near-miss accidents due to excessive speeds being a factor. She also explained there are hidden driveways and blind hills on either side of the Mt. Tom curve. She said the new high visibility signs have been somewhat helpful in slowing down traffic, but she would like to see the speed limit reduced in that area from 55 mph to 35 mph.

Anderson stated that the Racine County engineering team provided some recommendations, including some additional signage as well as lowering the speed limit to 45 mph. Additionally, Anderson indicated that the Racine County Sheriff's Office had placed a speed limit trailer on that highway this week and this was confirmed by Ms. Lane. Anderson stated that this item should be referred for additional discussion to the Traffic Safety Commission for any possible additional recommendations for this stretch of highway.

There was discussion among the Committee and Ms. Lane.

SUPERVISOR ZENNER-RICHARDS MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson , to lay over this item until the August 14, 2014 meeting, or until such time as the Traffic Safety Commission has a chance to review the situation and offer any recommendations, in addition to the recommendations prepared by the engineering staff. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**

YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye
Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

6. Review, discussion and possible recommendation concerning changes to RBNCI lease terms

Director Anderson explained that the River Bend Nature Center staff proposed some minor changes to their lease, with respect to certain hours of operation during different seasons of the year. This is specific to paragraph 6 of the lease document. Legal counsel indicated this change would not require any action of the County Board, and that if approved by this Committee, an amendment would be prepared and attached to the original lease. Staff does not object to the proposed changes to the hours of operation as proposed.

SUPERVISOR ZENNER-RICHARDS MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, to approve the request from River Bend Nature Center (RBNCI) to amend Paragraph 6 of the current lease between Racine County and RBNCI concerning hours of operation.

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye

Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

7. Review, discussion and possible approval of the purchase of a used ditching bucket for the Racine County Public Works Fleet Division, Rochester Shop

Highway Superintendent Dave Prott explained to the Committee the need for this piece of equipment, and that a report has been prepared to purchase this equipment using funds from the used equipment account in the quoted amount of \$1600.00.

SUPERVISOR ZENNER-RICHARDS MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Sharkozy, to authorize the purchase of the used ditching bucket for the Racine County Public Works Fleet Division, Rochester Shop, and to forward a report to the County Board for 1st reading on July 22, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye

Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

8. Review, discussion and possible action on rescinding the curfew for Harbor Park during the Salmon-A-Rama event, July 11-21, 2014

Director Anderson explained that the Harbor Park closes at 10pm. Police have been enforcing this and removing people from the park after that hour. The request is to temporarily rescind that closing time, specifically for purposes of the Salmon-A-Rama event, July 11-21, 2014. It is tradition that some participants stay long hours in the park, beyond 10pm, to fish. Staff feels that to allow a temporary lifting of the 10pm closing will be more conducive to this very popular fishing tournament.

Discussion followed. Several supervisors indicated that this is tradition, for fishing tournament participants to stay long hours at the park. They didn't have concerns with the temporary lifting of the 10pm closing time for the park.

SUPERVISOR SHARKOZY MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, to rescind the curfew for Harbor Park specifically during the Salmon-A-Rama event from July 11 through July 21, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

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YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye
Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

9. Special Use Request

- **Request from Burlington High School Athletic Department to place a portable unit at Bushnell Park to store athletic equipment at Bushnell Park**

Phil Molitor was present at the meeting and briefly explained the use and purpose of the portable storage unit at Bushnell Park. Discussion was held, and staff has no objection to the use of a portable storage unit for use by the Burlington High School Athletic Department for the stated purpose. There will **not** be a Racine County zoning permit required for this portable unit.

SUPERVISOR HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, to approve the request to place a portable storage unit at Bushnell Park as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**

YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth in Governance Representative Parsons: aye
Youth in Governance Representative Graebner: aye

10. Communications and Referrals

There were no communications or referrals.

11. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

There will not be a PWPF meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, due to the Racine County Fair. The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is Thursday, August 14, 2014.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR ZENNER-RICHARDS MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**