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Highway & Parks Committee Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2011
6:30 P.M.
Kenosha County Center
Conference Room A

- 1) Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Elverman.
- 2) Roll Call
 - Highway/Parks & Golf/ Facilities Committee members present were Supervisors Dennis Elverman, John O'Day, William Grady, Gail Gentz, Boyd Frederick, Dan Esposito, and Aaron Kohlmeier. Youth in Governance present was Jacob Trione.
 - Staff members present were Ray Arbet, Gary Sipsma, Jon Rudie, Dan Drier, Ron Henning, Frank Martinelli, Vickie Galich and Kathy Drissel.
- 3) Approval of minutes of previous meetings
The minutes got missed.
- 4) Chairman/Committee Members/Supervisor/YIG comments

Chairman Elverman commented on the combining of the Highway & Parks and Building & Grounds Committees. He felt it would only take a short time to bring everyone up to speed on what has been happening in each of the Committees.

- 5) Citizens Comments
 - None.

Highway/Parks & Golf

- 6) Old Business

Public Works Director, Ray Arbet, gave the Committee an update on the KD Park and the Green Ribbon Committee. Director Arbet explained that the Green Ribbon Committee functions as a steering committee for the development of the KD Park and will bring recommendations back to this Committee and the County Board. There were interviews on April 28th and 29th to select a consultant to assist in developing a master plan for the Park. There were four firms interviewed and the firm JJR was unanimously selected by the interview committee. Director Arbet will be meeting with them to work out the contractual details and get them on-board.

- 7) New Business
 - **Review of Chapter 2, Park and Open Space Plan for Kenosha County, Dave Schilling SEWRPC**

A copy of Chapter 2, "Park and Open Space Plan for Kenosha County" which is the inventory findings was included in the Committee's packet. Dave Schilling, from SEWRPC, was in attendance at the meeting to review and explain the chapter.

After Committee discussion, Supervisor Frederick made a motion to approve Chapter 2 of the

Park and Open Space Plan, seconded by Supervisor Grady. Motion carried.

- **Highway Director's Report**

Director of Highways Gary Sipsma reported that bids were opened for hot mix asphalt, which is the blacktop used on all of the resurfacing programs the County performs. This year we had three bids submitted: Payne & Dolan, Black Diamond, and Amon - typically we only have one bidder. Payne & Dolan was the low bidder. Surprisingly, the prices have gone down from last year. The low bid for binder material was \$44.50/ton, down \$3.45/ton from last year. Low bid for surface material is \$46.50/ton, down \$3.25/ton from last year. We budget a fixed amount of funds each year for paving, so having the unit costs coming in less than last year will allow us to resurface more roadway.

Director Sipsma reported that the Highway Department crew is starting prep work on CTH "O" between the Village of Twin Lakes and Geneva Road which is a carryover project from last year that was not able to be finished.

Director Sipsma reported that he will be completing pavement ratings on all of the County Trunk Highways and that information can be entered into the pavement management program. This information will assist in establishing priorities for resurfacing projects. Director Sipsma is hoping to have the plan done by next month.

Director Sipsma reported the CTH "C" and "MB" intersection project. There was a public informational meeting for that project and the "round-about" design for project will be modified based on some of the public input. The modifications will require the additional purchase of a significant amount of right-of-way and this will push the project back in order to allow time for the purchase as well as accommodate local farmer's fall harvest transportation needs. In addition to this intersection project's impact on traffic in this area, the State notified Director Sipsma that the west frontage road would be closed this fall to replace the Des Plaines River Bridge. Given all these issues, Director Sipsma found it in the best interest to delay the construction until next summer and get it done in a June, July, and August time frame to lessen the impact on local farmers.

Director Sipsma reported that the rehabilitation of STH 75 from STH 50 to STH 11 would require closure for the entire summer.

Director Sipsma also reported on the on-going I-94 project. The most significant construction this summer will be between the Stateline and Russell Road. Those lanes will be reduced to two in each direction.

There was a suggestion made by the Committee that there be something put in the local papers regarding the accessibility for the Brighton Dale Golf Course from STH 142. It needs to be clarified that people will not be ticketed if they are headed to Brighton Dale. It was further suggested that it be put in both the editorial and sports sections.

- **Update of Parks Activities**

Manager Jon Rudie reported that he included minutes from the Pringle Nature Center meeting in the packets.

Manager Rudie reported on the KD Park update that he had a meeting with the Aquatic Biologist from the DNR and the specialist did not show up. With checking with the Biologist, he had forgotten to check his calendar. The meeting has been rescheduled for May 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Manager Rudie reported that he had an Eagle Scout contact him and he recommended that this scout do a kiosk for the KD Park so that when the park is opened that information can be posted.

Manager Rudie reported that he included in the Committee's packet a bat study that was done at KD Park, Petrifying Spring, and a couple other locations.

Manager Rudie had a handout for a sign contest for a temporary sign for the KD Park that was organized by Gateway and the Green Ribbon Committee. Central High School took the team and individual awards. Some scholarships were awarded for this contest.

Manager Rudie reported that the Highway Department is pulverizing the North Woods at Petrifying Springs Park. There is drainage being installed in that area. The area is being paved for a 10 foot hiking and biking path. The Highway Department is now grading and installing culvert in that stretch.

Manager Rudie reported that there was involvement with an Earth Day cleanup with Gateway because Gateway had volunteer to cleanup north of Brookside along the stream.

Manager Rudie reported that the results of a water sample are being waited on for the Brighton Dale concession stand for their occupancy permit. Manager Rudie reported that there was games going on when he came to the meeting so he is assuming that it was up and running.

Manager Rudie reported on the Silver Lake bike trail and that he had contacted the Village of Silver Lake and never received a response as far a funding for that trail. Mr. Rudie stated that the DNR were going to meet with him again on May 3rd at the boat launch and review seeing if the Park's could start the trail in that boat launch now and see if there was a way to reduce the costs instead of the expensive bridges across the two gaps.

Chairman Elverman brought the Committee up to speed on what has been occurring in the KD Park in the last couple of years and what some groups have been doing out there. Chairman Elverman stated that there were two open-houses out there. Chairman Elverman also stated that the talk was to get the park opened more this spring and summer. Chairman Elverman stated that there was discussion on what to do with the fishing. Chairman Elverman stated that they would like to meet with Doug Welch and see what his suggestions were. Chairman Elverman suggested opening the park on a limited basis and possibly having an open-house on Memorial Day weekend.

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Day to open the KD Park hiking trails on weekends and the fishing for catch and release until further notice including holidays on holiday weekends, seconded by Supervisor Frederick. Motion carried.

- **Update of Monthly Activities for Golf**

General Manager Dan Drier gave an update on the 2011 business plan. There were two new leagues added to each course.

There was a Spring Scramble on Saturday April 30th and it was a big success.

There is going to be a Ladies Spring Fling on May 6th.

There will be activities going on from May 9th through May 13th to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Petrifying Springs Golf Course.

The golf courses and the driving ranges opened on April 1st. The numbers are down from last year as the weather was much better in 2010 and allowed the golf courses to open earlier in the 2010 season.

The calendar of events has been updated and email blasts are periodically being sent out.

The bid to replace the inefficient grill hood went out, the roof on the clubhouse is being stripped and replaced, and the double doors into the golf shop at Petrifying Springs Clubhouse were replaced.

The worn out water line from the well at the Brighton Dale maintenance shop that serves the clubhouse and park pavilion will not be replaced as it is cheaper to put in two new wells after pricing it out. The bids for the two new wells have gone out.

The Petrifying Springs Tee irrigation project is moving slowly due to the poor weather conditions.

The new pumps for the pump house at Petrifying Springs have come in and are being replaced.

There is new decorative patio going in at the back of Petrifying Springs Clubhouse. It is going out for bid.

After meeting with the DOT, STH 75 will stay opened to Brighton Dale Links for the whole project. There will be additional signage along with the detour signs letting people know that there is still access to the golf course.

Supervisor Gentz commented on the job that General Manager Drier did out at the Brighton Dale Golf Course welcoming everyone in the leagues back. Supervisor Gentz also suggested that General Manager Drier talk to the IT Department and make sure that all the County Board Supervisors are put on the email blast list as they are not receiving them now.

Facilities

8) Old Business

Update – Pringle Center Building Roof Repair

Public Works Director Ray Arbet reported that the project is completed and there is going to be a punch list walk through. Director Arbet reported that with all the rain, the roof was no longer leaking.

Update – Kemper Buildings Demolition

Public Works Director Ray Arbet brought the Committee up to speed on what this project is all about with the house 3rd Avenue and 66th Street and the house directly east of that house. The

process to demolish these houses has gone through both State and local historical approval processes. Everything will be removed, graded and grassed. The tennis court at the site will also be taken out.

Manager Henning presented a handout of what is happening in the last month and a half with the demolition of the two houses. End of March the electric and water meters removed. Personal belongings were removed from the Kids Place by March 30th. SWAT Team was using the buildings for training. Five trees had been taken down around the building, three were rotted and the other two were too close to the building and wouldn't be able to be saved. Asbestos was removed on May 2nd in both buildings. The Bishop's House was scheduled to be burned on May 5th, dependent upon weather. The Kid's Place is scheduled to be burn on May 16th and the company will come in right away on May 17th and clean out the basement. By the week of May 23rd the landscaping and grass seeding should be complete.

Director Arbet stated that he could have a spreadsheet with all the final number on what had been saved by doing the demolition in the fashion that it had been done.

Update – Courthouse/Molinaro Restoration Project

Project Manager Frank Martinelli presented a handout of the Courthouse/Molinaro Exterior Restoration Project Update. This project is moving forward as planned. The HVAC units have been reinstalled as of May 2nd. There were a few things that had come up along the way. There was a roof leak in both the Courthouse and Molinaro and both got taken care of quite quickly by Berglund. There was one County employee that went home sick from the asphalt fumes. This was taken care by moving the asphalt melter to a different location which reduced the fumes in the buildings. Due to bad weather, there was about five days lost which may be able to be made up later in the project.

Update – Public Safety Building (PSB) Project

Public Works Director Arbet presented a handout for the Public Safety Building Project update. Director Arbet reported that this project is in the home stretch. The PC Deployment space is complete and operational, the IT Mail space is complete and will be operational in May, the Sheriff 2nd floor segregated cells are complete and operational, the Corporal's Office relocate and remodeling is in process, the Women's Locker Room is complete and operational, and the Energy Efficient HVAC Retrofit Project is nearly completed. The punch list and odds and ends should be finalized and completed in May.

Supervisor Grady commented that he would like to see a cost analysis for the HVAC Retrofit Project in August.

Update – KCAB Lower Level Remodeling Project

Project Manager Frank Martinelli gave an update of what is occurring on this project. The tile on the floor were trying to be saved but they just kept breaking so they were able to find some and they do match, a gate was found for the entry to the office and is being installed, and signage for the area is being done.

- 9) New Business
None.

10) Other matters as may appropriately be brought before the Committee.

Public Works Director Ray Arbet reported on the Parking Structure, as requested by Supervisor Grady. Director Arbet that it had taken about two years to review all project costs with the State and that the State found about \$35,000 that was disallowed for work performed on the project about four years ago that did not quite follow procedures. Now we're at the stage where the bid specification can be defined for the control gates and the electrical and security issues. Director Arbet met with the architect about two weeks prior to start to develop the bid specifications. Once these specifications are put together we'll have to go back to the State for their approval and then we can go out for bids to get the work completed. Supervisor Grady requested that we attempt to determine who uses the parking space in the structure.

Public Works Director Ray Arbet reported on the Register of Deeds and Land Information down in the basement of the Administration Building, as requested by Supervisor Grady. Supervisor Grady indicated that we should still explore the need for security cameras in this area given the type of documents and cash handling. Supervisor Grady is looking for a firm figure and a recommendation.

Chairman Elverman talked briefly about the Pringle Nature Center minutes and what the Pringle Nature Center is all about and what they do.

Chairman Elverman explained that the Bat Study that was in the packet actually came out of the Green Ribbon Committee from somebody from Carthage and were out at the KD Park and a couple of other places.

Chairman Elverman explained that some things that happen in this Committee do not have to go to the County Board such as the KD Park being opened on the weekends. This Committee can decide on certain thing like that. That is how some of these things differ from the Facilities.

The minutes from the Building & Ground's April 12th meeting along with the Highway & Parks meeting will be approved at the June meeting.

Manager Rudie brought up a point of the KD Park being formally designated a park and he had Bernie Vash from Corporation Counsel looking into it.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor O'Day to declare the unnamed County Highway Property at intersection of CTH "KD" and "F" declared a County Park. Motion carried.

11) Adjournment

- Motion by Supervisor Esposito to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor O'Day. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Kathy Drissel

Recording of meeting is available on tape.