



COUNTY OF KENOSHA

Raymond G. Arbet,
Department of Public Works

Gary Sipsma, Director
Division of Highways
P. O. Box 609
Bristol, Wisconsin 53104
(262) 857-1870
Fax: (262) 857-1885

Highway/Parks & Golf/Facilities Committee Minutes
Monday, June 6th, 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, Gail Gentz, Dan Esposito, and Aaron Kohlmeier. Supervisors William Grady and Boyd Frederick were excused. Youth in Governance present was Christina Dalton, Dustin Beth was excused.
 - County staff members present were Ray Arbet, Gary Sipsma, Jon Rudie, Dan Drier, Frank Martinelli, and Kim Manna.
- 3) Approval of minutes of previous meetings
 - A motion to approve the Minutes from April 4th, April 12th and May 2nd was made by Supervisor Gail Gentz and seconded by Supervisor John O'Day. Motion carried and minutes approved.
- 4) Chairman, Supervisor and YIG comments
 - Chairman Elverman commented on the number of people Geocaching and Letterboxing in KD Park. He also confirmed with the Committee that it was their intent to open KD Park every weekend, the Committee decided to stay with their original motion. Director Ray Arbet informed the Committee that it was the recommendation of the County Executive to open the park on alternating weekends, to start, to determine how much of a work load will be added to the Parks department.
 - Chairman Elverman also reported that he was contacted by State Representative Samantha Kerkman, who is working with the DNR regarding the trail to the Silver Lake Boat Launch.
 - Chairman Elverman discussed with Representative Kerkman the item in the State Budget restricting Counties from doing anything more than maintenance work, very narrowly defined maintenance, for anyone other than our own county. Highway Director Gary Sipsma reported that \$700,000 to \$800,000 has been generated in past years by doing work for other local municipalities and counties; this would no longer be a possibility with the restrictions that are trying to be passed. Director Sipsma also stated that the Prevailing Wage laws may be modified, in motion 352 by increasing project limits from \$25,000 to \$48,000.
- 5) Citizens Comments
 - None.

Highway/Parks & Golf

6) Old Business

- None.

7) New Business

a) Parks Director Jon Rudie presented a Resolution to accept a grant awarded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Fund for Lake Michigan for the Pike River Fish passage and Dam removal design and engineering project. The total project is \$132,000 of which \$102,000 will be received in 4 equal installments, Kenosha County will contribute \$28,000 from the Parkland Development Fund and \$2,000 in the form of an in kind match. This grant will fund developing the necessary design, engineering and bid specifications for removing the dam, constructing a bridge and restoring the stream-banks throughout most of the park. Motion to accept the Resolution to accept the Grant was made by Supervisor Gentz and seconded by Supervisor Kohlmeier. Motion carried.

b) Parks Director Jon Rudie presented a Resolution to apply for a Stewardship grant for the purpose of building a recreational trail on the abandoned Chicago and Consumers Ice Railroad bed and through the Silver Lake Marsh to connect the Village of Silver Lake with Silver Lake County Park. The estimated cost of the project is \$302,433 of which \$151,216 would be the Kenosha County match if the grant was awarded and accepted. Motion to apply for the Stewardship Grant was made by Supervisor Esposito and seconded by Supervisor O'Day. Motion carried.

c) Highway Director's Report - Director of Highways Gary Sipsma handed out a report from the Wisconsin Counties Association giving more details of the Motion 352 in the state budget. Director Sipsma addressed the Asphalt Paving Plan for 2011; as of right now 47 miles or 17% of County highways need to be resurfaced. The 2011 budget contains \$1,250,000 for resurfacing highways, which covers 13.4 miles of roadway at almost \$100K per mile. The first area to be resurfaced is highway KR, including the train tracks, followed by highway O. The cost for asphalt is down this year, but because bike lanes are being added the length that we can cover is actually shorter than in the past.

We will be receiving \$48,000 in FEMA money for the February blizzard, which is 87 ½ % of the \$54,000 reimbursement costs. A Resolution will be brought to the July meeting concerning the distribution of the money.

d) Update of Parks Activities - Manager Jon Rudie reported that KD Park opened for Memorial Day Weekend and proves to be very popular with the public. He will contact the Sheriff Department, the Kenosha News and have new signs made up with the updated hours- open every weekend. As of now the only real costs are the port-a-pot rentals.

Landscaping at Pets #1well, using money from the Madrigrano Family donation of \$75,000, has been completed. The donation was to repair the well and construct an enclosure so that the well could be used year round. The landscape plans were approved by the family.

The bidder was selected and references were checked for playground equipment at Petrifying Springs Park Area #5. The equipment was purchased for \$8,000 less than the quote for a total price of \$45,800 installed.

Old Settler Park will be getting playground equipment next.

The At Risk Youth Group will be back this year to work in the parks; underplanting of trees, split rail fence and trail work at Pets. There are plans for building a Doggy Playground at Old Settlers. Repainting of playground equipment will take place as usual.

Director Rudie is in the process of getting an RFP for leasing the concession stand at Silver Lake Beach and a mobile concession operator at Petrifying Springs, where that has been no concessions for years. We should be able to generate revenue off of their gross sales. At Silver Lake we would have the operator pay the utilities while allowing them to use our equipment. There are currently three parties interested.

- e) Update of Monthly Activities for Golf - General Manager Dan Drier reported that the 75th Anniversary of Pets events were held May 9th through the 13th.

Revenues are being reviewed weekly, they are about \$150,000 behind last year and expenses are down about \$120,000; giving a \$30,000 net profit behind last year. Friday Fish Fries are going good.

Brighton Dale Links Grill Hood System bids came in and will be scheduled for installation later this summer. Some of the roof repairs have been made, others will be made after September 19th. The AC unit at Pets was replaced and relocated to the front of the building. Work on the concrete walkways and patio at Pets Clubhouse has begun.

The Well systems went to bid for Brighton Dale; bids are due on June 16th.

DOT detour signs are up around the highway 75 project directing traffic to Brighton Dale. Signage cost was less than expected at \$1,200. \$29 Senior Golf specials are being started to help combat the impact of the road construction.

Facilities

8) Old Business

- a) Wrap-up – Pringle Center Building Roof Repair - Public Works Director Ray Arbet reported that the project is completed, has no leaks and looks wonderful.
- b) Wrap-up – Kemper Buildings Demolition – Director Arbet handed out an information sheet showing the actual costs of the demolition of both houses. He then reported that all the demolition is completed and that by having the fire department burn the buildings down for training purposes, we saved \$10,000.
- c) Update – Courthouse/Molinaro Restoration Project - Project Manager Frank Martinelli reported that extra employees, from Wisconsin, were added to the job so the project is almost back on schedule, following 7 ½ days lost to bad weather. Scaffolding is being moved and the employee entrance is the next area to be worked on.

- d) Wrap-up – Public Safety Building (PSB) Project - Public Works Director Arbet reported that the Public Safety Building Project is nearly complete; the signage and the kiosk are being completed. The HVAC system is still being dialed in. An energy report will be delivered to the committee in August or September.
 - e) Wrap-up – KCAB Lower Level Remodeling Project – Director Arbet reported to the committee that this project is completed. The other items that may be needed are another conference room and possible secure storage for election results/ballots in the former ROD area on the 1st floor.
 - f) Update – Parking Structure – Director Arbet met with the architect for the second time to fine tune the scope of service to finish the project. The three items are the installation of the gates, re-engineer and design of the lighting and the installation of the security system. The plan is to get state approval and hope to go out for bid in July. Director Arbet will come back to committee with the complete package and budget information.
 - g) Update - Register of Deeds Video Surveillance – Director Arbet indicated that he would bring a report back to the Committee and tell them if they are making a recommendation to include something in the budget or not.
- 9) New Business
- a) Brookside Demo- Director Ray Arbet presented handouts to the committee and stated that the demo of Old Brookside should be completed by August when school resumes. The steel shed will be left to be used as storage. The west parking lot will also remain for overflow parking for students and staff.
 - b) Corporation Counsel Remodel/Relocate Project –Frank Martinelli reported that Corporation Counsel was moving out of the house on Third Avenue and into the lower level of the Courthouse before the heating season. There are no current places for the house after it is emptied. Supervisor Elverman emphasized that we do not ‘give it away’.
- 10) Other matters as may appropriately be brought before the Committee.
- 11) Adjournment
- Motion by Supervisor O’Day to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Esposito. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Manna
Recording of meeting is available on tape.