

PARKS & RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 11th, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual/Remote Online via WebEx and in person

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County Board Room – Services Center – 480 Underwood Avenue, Montello, Wisconsin

Meeting Number (access): 2557 003 7457 Pass: puGYVNm7i57

Join By Phone: 1-408-418-9388 Pass: 78498667

Note: A citizen wishing to address the Committee/Board and attending the in-person meeting shall place his or her name on a sign-in sheet before the meeting is called to order and indicate in which town, city, or village the citizen resides or owns property prior to making a citizen comment. Those citizens attending remotely will ask to be recognized under the citizen comment portion of the meeting and will adhere to the same reporting process as those attending on-site. Civil discourse will be observed at all times.

Committee: Ken Borzick, Dave Benson, Jeff Frazer, Gary Doudna, Karen Wampler, Kathleen McGwin, Karen Christensen

All Agenda Items Below Involve Potential for Discussion and Action.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Approve Agenda
3. Review/Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
4. Citizen Comments/Concerns
5. Monthly Report & Updates
6. Ice Age Trail Alliance Report/Update
7. Marquette Park on the Mont'Leau River Summary
8. The committee may go to Closed Session under state statute 19.85(1) (g) "Conferring with Legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved". (Timber Cutting)
9. The Committee will reconvene in Open Session under section 19.85 (2) if a vote is needed on items discussed in Closed Session.
10. John Muir History Route Update
11. Review January/February 2024 Monthly Expenses
12. Adjourn

This is a public meeting. As such, all members, or a majority of the members of the County Board may be in attendance. While a majority of the County Board members or the majority of any given County Board Committee may be present, only the Parks & Rural Planning Committee will take official actions based on the above agenda. Anyone requiring special accommodation because of disability please contact the County Conservationist's office, (608) 296-2815, 24 hours before scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2024, 11:30pm

Virtual/WebEx or in Person at Services Center-Demo Room 480 Underwood Ave. Montello WI.

Chairman Borzick called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

Members: Ken Borzick, Kathleen McGwin, Gary Doudna, Karen Wampler Jeff Frazer (virtual) & Karen Christensen, Dave Benson. Others: Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger, Keri Solis, Mary Walters.

Wampler, 2nd by Benson, motion to approve Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Benson, 2nd by Doudna, motion to approve the October 2023 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey gave Monthly Report.

Large stand of invasive Buckthorn was removed by Highway Dept. at Muir Park saving a lot of hours of hand removal. All bathrooms and entrances have been locked up and closed for the winter.

Reimbursement to DNR for \$42,775 has been submitted by Kilbey for the grant covering Marquette Park on Mont'leau River. Expecting DNR reply soon.

Parks Contactor Christensen has started winter brushing at various properties.

Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) update was given by Frazer. Ice Age Trail has been given full National Park Service Designation meaning Marquette County now has a National Park. Discussion followed.

IATA will be having a work weekend in July on trail building just south of Muir Park. They are requesting to camp at Muir Park again, similar to last summer on their work weekend. Discussion was had on positive impacts to local businesses and how good they left the park after camping last summer.

Benson, 2nd by Wampler, motion to allow IATA Members to camp July 17-21st and to apply same rules as last camp session. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey presented memorial bench donation request by Montello Rotary for bench at Marquette Park in honor of Bill Lind. Kilbey referred to the bench policy developed by this Committee in the past.

Kilbey has ability to approve bench following policy but wanted to ask Committee Members if anyone objected. After hearing none, Kilbey will work with Rotary on final details and location.

County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) needs to be updated per DNR Guidelines. Ad-Hoc Committee will have to be formed to guide Kilbey in the process. Keri Solis will also assist where she can with the process. Discussion followed with several members of Committee asking to serve on Ad-Hoc (Doudna, Frazer, Christensen, Wampler and McGwin).

Benson, 2nd by Frazer, motion to recommend County Board to form Ad-Hoc Committee to update the Corp. **Motion Carried.**

McGwin reported that the John Muir History Route was still seeing steady traffic even though winter is upon us. Discussion followed on QR Code activity. McGwin anticipates major update to the route app this spring.

Committee reviewed October, November and December 2023 Expenses.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman.

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS
Parks & R. Planning-January

Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt.	Description
VISA			\$275.80	Boat Launch passes, Truck Fuel
Marq. Cty. Highway Dept.			\$3,132.61	Park Work
3 Hebbe's LLC			\$429.75	Building/Shed Rent 2024
Bignell's Powersports Inc.			\$148.15	Park Supplies Chainsaw
Holiday Shopping Center			\$15.19	Park Supplies bags
		Total:	\$4,001.50	

This is to attest that the vouchers listed above have been examined and the expenditure approved.

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS
Parks & R. Planning-February

Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt.	Description
VISA				
Virch's True Value			\$13.99	park supplies
Patrick Kilbey			\$23.45	Employee Expenses
Staples Advantage			\$159.80	Plotter Ink
		Total:	\$197.24	

This is to attest that the vouchers listed above have been examined and the expenditure approved.

