



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:30PM
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison at **5:30 PM**

MEMBERS: Legislators Jim Basile, Christina Calarco, Michael Didio (Vice Chair), Tricia Kerr, Brian Muldrow and Hans Pecher

EXCUSED: Michael Didio

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Heidi Nightengale, Mark Strong, Elane Daly, and Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gary Duckett, Parks & Trails Director Doug Dello-Stritto, Highway Supervisor Brian Soper, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: February 14, 2023

Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Karl Rindfleisch (CCWSA) – No updates

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

Petroleum Quality Sampling

This month I collected and sent 12 gas samples from 6 stations in February.

ED & Jean's – Port Byron 3 gas, both passed

Pit Stop North Victory 2 gas, all passed

Pit Stop – Weedsport 2 gas, 1 diesel, all passed

Bayside Grocery – Fair Haven 1 gas, passed

NYS Thruway – Port Byron 2 gas, both passed

Fastrac – Weedsport 1 gas, passed

Reimplemented Pricing Verification Accuracy Checking program.

Reimplemented checking accuracy of Net Contents of Packaged Goods program.

Gary Duckett (Buildings and Grounds) –

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ADMINISTRATION: Crew Gary Duckett and Donna Blumrick:

1. Chairman Gould formed a committee to consider and make a recommendation to the Legislature on the future of the County Office Building. The Committee recommended Bergmann.
2. I have attached an updated Building and Grounds project list dated 3-1-23.
3. The plan to increase the parking spots in the Mental Health from 12 to 23 was completed on 2-15-23. Next step is to consider removal of the pergola to maximize parking.
4. We will be moving forward on replacing the roof on the Hardenberg Building and a section of the roof over the PSB. Both projects were approved in February.
5. I am gathering information on the ongoing lack of parking spaces at the Mental Health Building. I hope to have information to share with you at committee.

DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, and Brian Henyan:

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day-to-day efforts for grounds maintenance and snow and ice management Ed and his team responded to 205 maintenance requests as in February.
2. The downtown crew was fully staffed but one employee is currently out due to an auto accident, and another was out due to illness.
3. Ed's crew has been assisting with the tenant work.
4. Surplus furniture update: The auction closed, and Ed's crew is coordinating the items for pickup.

COUNTY HOUSE ROAD and TOWERS: Crew Mitch Brown, Ben McIntyre, Bruce Simmons, Greg Purcell:

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day-to-day efforts for grounds maintenance and snow and ice removal Mitch and his team responded to 288 maintenance requests in February.
2. We are looking for a PT Laborer and a PT Building Maintenance Mechanic for the PSB. If we are unable to find PT people, we may need to consider amending the budget so we can hire another FT person.

New Business?

Any Questions?

Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –

1. Parks & Trails Department:
 - The Parks Director has been attending meetings regarding the sale of lands listed as possible parks and trails development with the Real Property, Buildings and Grounds and Planning departments in the towns Throop and Aurelius.
 - The Parks Director has been engaged with contractors and the county attorney's office regarding the relocation a gas line and therefore easement on non-park county property in Aurelius.
 - The Parks & Trails Department event trailer has been completed and is being transported to a vendor for graphics. The Department is working with the Merry Go Round, the Cayuga County Convention and Visitors Bureau and our internal properties to collect logos and collateral for use with this new trailer.
2. Emerson Park:
 - Projects:
 1. Parks staff is working with the IT Department to network Emerson Park facilities and infrastructure.
 2. The Amphitheater project funding is being reviewed internally with the Planning Department.
 3. Whitebridge road property development plans are being reviewed by DOT.
 4. Replacement of the Deauville Island Shelter: proposed design/build solution and pricing has been submitted to the ARPA committee.
 5. Temporary road establishment is complete at Whitebridge Rd.
 6. All Emerson Park stone roadways will be filled, improved and oil and stone treated this spring in an effort to improve service and public access, decrease long term stone costs and repair and improve water quality by decreasing sediment introduction from run off from crushed stone access roads.
 7. Deauville Island channel is complete – site rehab is scheduled for March.
 8. Deauville Island Architecture Design RFQ was distributed for all structures planned for the redevelopment. 2 RFQ's were received. These documents will be available at the meeting for review.
 9. Lifeguard recruitment docs are complete. The department will be reimbursing lifeguards for training costs incurred in 2023 for hired guards after completing 250 hours of lifeguarding.
 10. Parks staff has met with Auburn Little League regarding signage replacement, lighting upgrades and additional field space. Alternative locations for expanded operations have also been preliminarily discussed.
 11. Branding – utilizing the new logos designed in 2022 the department is designing vehicle markings, property entrance signs for the 38A/Whitebridge intersection, the main park entrance and the entrance to the Fleming section of the park.
 12. A contract has been executed with Trowbridge, Wolf, Micheals, Landscape Architects, a Fisher Associates Company for the rehab/redesign project for the entrance plaza at the Merry-Go-Round theater. Phase 1 will be the replacement of the sidewalk and lighting surrounding the entrance to the theater.
 - Friends of Emerson Park:
 1. Upcoming 2023 events: Bottle and Can Drive, February 18; April 2, Annual Emerson Park Easter Egg Hunt. The 2023 Emerson Park in Concert Series for July and August have been [announced](#).
 - Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: draft review underway.
 - Staffing: Lifeguard recruitment docs are complete. The department will be reimbursing lifeguards for training costs incurred in 2023 for hired guards after completing 250 hours of lifeguarding.
3. Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
 1. Museum Festival of Trees was another well attended event. Operating from November 19, 2022 until January 31, 2023 totaling 2,668 visitors signed in. These numbers do not reflect the group size.
 2. Martha Shaw Harvesting History Series continuing for 2023. February presentation was on Erie Canal in the area. March presentation will be on Thursday March 9, 2023 by Chris Scholomiti of CJS Vineyards on wine making in the Finger Lakes.
 3. March 1, 2023 will start the Museum Easter Egg Hunt. It will continue until April 8 the Saturday before Easter. The egg hunt is available to visitors anytime the museum is open.

Other Notes:

1. November resolution to get approval to post hiring for 3 new museum aids. This is posted and we have 3 candidates to interview in March. All 3 seem very interested and possible candidates for the positions.
2. Many exhibits at museum given a face lift- Opening up areas and removing areas of clutter
 - Implement Room – Refresh complete
 - Osborne Room – Beacon Exhibit and Industries Exhibit – Refresh complete
 - Hallway to Implement Room – New Exhibit Famous People and Companies of Cayuga County

- Log Cabin Exhibit – Refresh ongoing
 - Riley Room – Refresh complete
3. Recoating of Steel Roofs on Museum – Doug and Manette are working on getting quotes- funds in 2023 budget
 4. Networking the parks property will include the museum.
 5. New Parking Area for Museum and Parks on North Side of Museum-Parks Staff is requesting proposals for the project. Friends of Museum will donate \$15,000.00 from 2023 Patron Campaign to support the project.
4. Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo, Director)
 - Sterling Nature Center Project:
 1. A tentative start date for construction has been pushed back to May 1 and the forecasted completion date is projected to be Nov. 1.
 2. Grading, sidewalks, pavilion floor and other site work away from building envelope will begin as weather permits.
 3. ½ of the parking lot, pavilion and surrounding picnic area are tentatively scheduled for use in June with outdoor classroom and other nearby areas available in July/August
 4. Parks & Trails is storing 200 chairs for use in the new building
 - B. Working with Friends on grant opportunities, Parks will write letters of support for grants Friends apply to.
 - C. Working with Friends on Events for 2023:
 1. Existing Annual: Art Inspiration June 4, Pork Roast Aug. 20, Fall Jamboree food booth Sept. 16 & 17
 2. Proposed: Jim Chaffee Ice Cream Social, acoustic music, wine/cider/beer tasting
 3. Building opening: November
 5. AmazonSmile donation program is ending in February 2023
 6. Research project: Tara Curtin and students from Hobart & William Smith Colleges Paleoclimatology course, will collect tree core samples from conifers, at the Sterling Nature Center in order to learn more about changes in water availability throughout the trees' life history. Tentatively planned for Thursday 13 April.
 7. Social Media:
 - A. Followers for Facebook: 7,438
 - B. Instagram: 174
 8. Naturalist
 - A. Ice stars were plentiful on Dragonfly Pond and Outlet Stream
 - B. A pair of mature bald eagles has been observed, hopefully it is our nesting pair scouting out a new nest site. Also heard calling in the wetland this month.
 - C. We lost a few more nest and trees in the great blue heron rookery, we will soon run out of nesting locations.
 - D. River otter was observed in the Outlet Stream, Sunday 1/15 & 22; a big hit on social media
 - E. 01/15 Photos: 7,369 people reached, 493 reactions, 45 comments, 23 shares
 - F. 01/15 Video: 3,259 people reached, 258 reactions, 47 comments, 23 shares; 1,835 views
 - G. 01/22 Photos: 3,660 people reached; 279 reactions; 6 comments, 10 shares
 9. Upcoming programs
 - Naturalist Winter Photo Safari, February 3 & 5, 10am
 - Tracking Winter Wildlife, February 10 & 11, 1pm
 - Winter Botany, February 17 & 18, 1pm
 - Exploring Winter, February 22 & 25, 1pm
 - Wandering Naturalist, March 03 & 05, 10am
 - Make and Take Your Own Native Plant Seed Bead, March 11 & 12, 1pm
 - Signs of Spring, March 24 & 25, 1pm
 - Wandering Naturalist, March 31 & April 02, 10am
 10. Owasco Flats:
 - Regrading and oil & stone sealing are scheduled for this spring. This is a budgeted project.
 - Mile and half mile markers are being sourced and the Parks & Trails Department is working with the City of Auburn to establish the locations for the new signage as requested by Moravia emergency services.
 11. Trail Update:
 - The Auburn - Fleming Trail: new signage, mowing, drainage work is being planned for spring.
 - The Cato-Brutus Trail: all bridges are installed in this section. Northern terminus access and right of way relocation is necessary for trail development north of the Bridge A project site. This work is included in the 2023 Trail budget. Trail access to all newly installed bridge sites should be addressed including vehicular exclusion.
 - Cato - Fair Haven trail: no update
 - Cayuga County Highway trail maintenance calls:
 1. Culvert Replacement - 0
 2. Tree overhanging/blocking -0

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- Glenn Haven Rd project still in the plan to work with Soil & Water at the end of the month to repair the slope failure. Most materials are order or stocked at the Niles highway Barn in prep of this project.
- Stone hauling for the upcoming season is going well on the days we are not in snow operations.

- Material Bids were awarded last month the bid books have been sent out to all who use these.
- Fuel system upgrade has been completed and is currently online. The satellite barns are now on fuel keys and the system is tracking fuel purchase. There are some lighting upgrades and pavement repairs to complete as the weather allows.
- Howland Island Rd culvert failure, it has been plated to slow down the rate of the failure. The pipe is on order for this repair, and I am working with Soil & Water on obtaining the permits to complete the repairs.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

- 3-23-PW-1 Authorization to enter into a Service Agreement with LINSTAR for Security Equipment including printers, cameras, controllers, card readers and other related equipment.
Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.

HIGHWAY:

- 3-23-PW-2 Authorization for the Chairperson and Highway Superintendent to sign vehicle repair agreements with departments and various agencies.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.
- 3-23-PW-3 Authorization to purchase Highway Equipment.
Motion by Basile, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.
- 3-23-PW-4 Authorization to hire summer help employees in the Highway Department.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.
- 3-23-PW-5 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into an agreement with towns to mow on County roads.
Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.

Motion by Pecher to adjourn at 5:45 PM, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.