

Parks Committee Agenda
Jefferson County
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue
Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Committee members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Christensen, Walt
Kelly, Mike (Vice Chair) Payne, Laura
Foelker, Matt (Secretary)

1. Call to order
2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of Park Committee minutes for October 5, 2015 and October 21, 2015
6. Communications
 - a. Achieves Eagle Scout – Daily Jefferson County Union 10/19/2015
 - b. Mountain Bike Park in County Planned – Daily Jefferson County Union 10/15/2015
 - c. Love the Chase – Daily Jefferson County Union 9/18/2015
 - d. Color My World – Daily Jefferson County Union 10/2/2015
 - e. The Year of the Dog - Jefferson County Living 10/9/2015
 - f. Cappie's Landing – Watertown Daily Times
 - g. Disc Golf Course – Daily Jefferson County Union 10/22/2015
7. Public comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Naming of Blackhawk Island Handicap Fishing Wharf
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Recognizing Sponsorships and Donations
10. Discussion and Presentation on Building a Mountain Bike Park
11. Discussion on Holzhuetter State Farm Implementation Plan Process
12. Discussion on 2016 County Conservation Aids for Garman Nature Preserve
13. Discussion on Donations Received for Garman Nature Preserve
14. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA
15. Discussion on Fundraising for Interurban Trail
16. Review of Financial Statements (September 2015) and Department Update – Parks Department
17. Adjourn

Next scheduled meetings: Monday, December 7, 2015
Monday, January 4, 2016
Monday, February 1, 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016
Monday, April 4, 2016

A Quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

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Parks Committee Minutes
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Date: Monday, October 5, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

1. **Call to order**

Tietz called the meeting to order at 9:31am

2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**

Present: Tietz, Foelker, Christensen, Kelly, Payne (@ 9:51am)

Absent: None

Others Present: Nehmer, Wiesmann, Nimm, Wehmeier, Ward, Cheryl Housley (WI DNR), Bob Bennett (JCSA), Clare Carlson & Frankie Fuller (Friends of GHA)

3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Meeting posted according to Open Meetings Law.

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Approved as written.

5. **Approval of Park Committee minutes for September 9, 2015**

Foelker motioned to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes. Christensen seconded. Motion passes on a 4/0 voice vote.

6. **Communications**

- a. Kohls Makes Dream Come True
- b. In with the Old

7. **Public comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

No Public Comment

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Interurban Trail Grant Award**

Nehmer introduced Cheryl Housley as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grants Program Specialist and stated that Cheryl is in attendance to answer questions regarding the Stewardship Application for the Interurban Recreation Trail.

Nehmer noted that he and the parks staff are looking for direction from the committee.

The committee asked the following questions:

Q: Is there a 'start' deadline?

A: 18 months from acceptance.

Q: Can we reapply?

A: Can apply for the Rec trails if no ICE TEA and LAWCON funds are awarded. Cannot combine federal funds for matching purposes

Q: What is the TEA Grant?

A: Transportation Enhancement funds through the WisDOT

Q: If we obtained all three grants, how much would that be?

Q: Can we see scoring and plan adjustments?

A: Tied for 2nd. The application submitted by Jefferson County Park's was 1 point away from 1st place. Didn't get point for "interdepartmental cooperation" and other criteria that are unique to our trail project.

Q: another partner to qualify with?

A: Waukesha Co and Oconomowoc could apply to begin the section east to west.

Nehmer – if we go back next year, we have to give up this grant award and possibly score lower and/or not qualify.

Housley – two enumerated projects in the budget that reduced the funds available. Waukesha could apply without competing with Jefferson County.

Christensen – what are we competing against? If we don't get one or two of these grants, is that the end of the idea?

Tietz – could take Stewardship award, go after TEA and keep fundraising.

Foelker - if we accept the \$178,805 award and if we have a problem getting the funds, what happens?

Housley – DNR does not like to get the funds back.

Wehmeier – can the funds be reallocated to segment 3 or are we locked into segment 1?

Christensen motioned to accept the grant award and move forward while continuing with the fundraising process. Foelker seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

Housley noted:

- 99 applications
- \$18.6m in requests
- 37 apps received funding
- top 1/3 got top funding this year

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Korth Lane Complaint**

An email dated 10/2/15 from neighbors to Korth Lane/Korth Park and maps of Korth Lane was distributed for review and discussion.

Nehmer noted there may be room to relocate the road further south. Korth Lane has been a long-time topic of discussion with Town of Lake Mills. Korth Lane is an old road and needs to be re-done. Majority of the traffic on the road goes to the park. Nehmer questioned the opportunities to widen Korth Lane as well as the option of acquiring a fraction of an acre from an adjoining property owner noting the problems are clearly explained in the email dated 10/2/15. Nehmer asked the committee what they want to do to address the concerns and if part of the solution is to talk with the complainants and/or the Highway Dept. as well as the Township.

Kelly – maybe the park isn't suitable for cross country meets until the road is improved?

Payne – is there another entrance into the park?

Tietz – bring in Lake Mills schools into the discussion.

Foelker – the problem won't go away with increased use and we want to see park use. We should fix the road.

Kelly – could we limit the use/discourage this type of use until we fix the road?

Wiesmann – parking is an issue at other parks during large events. Do we stop at a threshold? Do we require a bus service and limit parking?

Payne – can we increase the parking elsewhere to prevent road parking?

Christensen – need to have width and shoulder, this road doesn't provide enough space. Perhaps limit attendance, offer lawn parking when possible, request off-site parking with a bus-in option until we can improve the roadway parking.

Tietz – can we offer no parking in the area of concern?

Christensen – request to go to Highway for their consideration?

Fuller – can you create extra spots along Elm Point?

Kelly – continue to communicate with Township and event organizers. Also cap the number of people at an event.

Christensen – no limits to the people, but limits on cars?

Wehmeier – security, safety, etc. also needed for larger events.

Tietz – bring back to next meeting with more information.

Payne – October 17th meet, can we talk with the event organizer prior to?

Wehmeier – the staff will look into safety for the large events.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Carnes Park East, Parking Lot Bid Proposals**

Wiesmann – the parking lot build was a little higher than estimated. Recommend to move forward with low bidder, Wolf Paving.

Kelly motioned to accept the low bid of \$126,483.20 from Wolf Paving. Foelker seconded. Motion passes on a

5/0 voice vote.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Budget

Nehmer noted the budget information is included in the packet. Overall, the proposed budget is less than 2015 and less than 2014. The Capital requests are tentatively approved.

Tietz questioned if the budget should list the project at Rock River Public Access – Cappie’s Landing.

Christensen motioned to accept draft budget with Rock River Public Access – Cappie’s Landing amendment. Foelker seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on 2015-2016 Grooming Services Contract with the Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance

Nehmer – noted this is a contract that can automatically renew yearly and it was in front of the committee for one last review prior to it being signed by JCSA.

Payne – questioned if we need to include the payment for Workman’s Comp. Insurance.

Wehmeier – indicated that it is a budgetary item and not required to be included in the contract language.

Foelker motioned to accept moving forward with the 2015-2016 Grooming Services Contract. Kelly second.

Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

Christensen – noted that there were seven days of snowmobiling available in the 2014-2015 season and questioned if the charges remain the same with such few days of actual use.

Bennett – stated tasks include brushing, sign install and take-down and the hours accumulate regardless of snowfall.

Christensen – if the total amount of grant was used with only 7 days available, how would there be enough money to pay for grooming?

Foelker – does anyone donate time?

Bennett – everyone is a volunteer and donates time.

Christensen – questioned where the payment for labor goes if everyone is a volunteer?

Wehmeier – stated that only the County can get the grant. Historical option for contracting is with the JCSA. The numbers are subject to review of DNR and DNR may ask questions.

Christensen – stated there was a “Letter to the Editor” stating that the County doesn’t provide funding and does nothing for any of the trails – is this correct? Don’t we have administrative costs?

Nehmer – the department absorbs the administrative costs as well as trail inspection, etc.

Kelly – any change in mileage?

Bennett – 350 total miles to maintain and care for.

Kelly – any opportunity to increase state funded trail mileage?

Wiesmann – state did an audit with requests submitted, but no additional funding has become available.

Bennett – trail pass, previously CAP Step program, all snowmobiles now need a trail pass in the state of the Wisconsin as many do not belong to a club. Trail pass is \$10 for club members or \$30 for non-members. Money will go into a separate fund. The JCSA is hopeful for extra funded trails and hopeful the \$250 per mile is raised as it covers approximately 60% of the costs to groom and drag.

13. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA

Carlson – board met and has agreed to continue moving forward. The WIDNR has agreed to let the Friends of GHA manage the website. The Friends will try to make the page more visitor friendly. Community outreach is also a priority for the Friends.

14. Discussion on Brew with a View

Nehmer – reported on the event.

Tietz – requested that Nehmer prepare package for future events and bring back to the committee.

15. Discussion on Holzhueter Implementation Plan

Nehmer – public comment period open until 10/9/2015.

David Wise (W7666 Island Road, Waterloo, WI) – listed complaints with communication (Co/State). Definite confusion about driveway easement and who owns.

Nehmer – easement drawn-up by private owner and not state.

Wise – have concerns about large events at the park. Very nervous. Neighbor will be calling to express their concerns as well.

Tietz – next meeting will vote to accept and move forward or not.

Kelly – can we look at easement situation?

Ward – will review with Nehmer.

Christensen – November agenda, then the plan to CO. Board and any remaining comments for review.

Wise – main question is access and easements as to where the road can come in.

Wehmeier – DNR also has to come to the consensus.

Nehmer – believe the Wise's are good people. The park has been owned by DNR for a long time. Plan from UW Student has been out for a long time with park identified for park purposes showing mountain biking. Nehmer tried to acquire the inholding property for public ownership, preventing the stated concerns as expressed by the Wise's.

16. Review of Financial Statements (August 2015) and Department Update – Parks Department

Nehmer – budget is consistent. Expenditures have increased at 62%. Hoping there are no unexpected costs.

17. Discussion on September 12, 2015 Mason Farm Jamboree

Wiesmann – stated that it was an excellent event. The log cabin was there for building by the kids, George was there with tracks and Dick Wanie was there. Kids love the activities. Schweitzer also demonstrated wood turning. Approximately 300 attendees. \$1700 raised. Marked walking trails through the park.

Christensen – liked nature and bird walk.

18. Discussion on Fundraising for Interurban Trail

Nimm noted that People for Bikes invited the department to reapply, requesting \$10,000.

Nehmer noted that the Quirk Foundation – will monitor progress and revisit in 2016. The department will submit TEA Grant with DOT app.

Wehmeier – Rotary Meeting?

Nehmer – we met with the Watertown Oconomowoc Rotary's in Ixonia to talk about the trail. We are hopeful to get an east side (Waukesha County) application in addition to ours.

19. Discussion on Mountain Bike Park at Human Services

Wiesmann – meeting tomorrow morning with IMBA to start design and layout and will host a Sat/Sun 2-day trails training. We have a great volunteer base. Each person to participate in the training must commit to a 2-day trail lead/building. Site does have challenges that we are working to avoid.

Wehmeier – Human Services is very appreciative.

20. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.19.85(1)(E), Statutes, to deliberate the potential purchase of public properties

Foelker motioned to adjourn into closed session at 10:22am. Christensen seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

21. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session

Kelly motioned to reconvene into open session at 11:33 am. Christensen seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

Foelker motioned to accept donation and approve as discussed for the land purchase price discussed in closed session. Christensen. 5/0

22. Adjourn

Foelker motioned to adjourn at 11:35am. Christensen seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

Next scheduled meetings:

- Wednesday, October 21, 2015
- Monday, November 2, 2015
- Monday, December 7, 2015
- Monday, January 4, 2016
- Monday, February 1, 2016
- Monday, March 7, 2016
- Monday, April 4, 2016

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nimm, Program Assistant*

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Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Committee members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Christensen, Walt
Kelly, Mike (Vice Chair) Payne, Laura
Foelker, Matt (Secretary)

1. **Call to order**

Tietz call the meeting to order at 9:45am

2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**

Present: Tietz, Christensen, Payne, Foelker

Absent: Kelly

Others: Nehmer, Wiesmann

3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Meeting posted according to Open Meetings Law

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written

5. **Public comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

No public comment

6. **Parks Tour**

9:55am: Interurban Trail Head @ Clark & Humboldt - Tietz explained Interurban Trail Proposal

10:50am: Kanow Park – Nehmer noted that Kanow Park is a Put-In/Take-Out and that the park has good fishing. The park is beautiful with many ash trees which will become a problem with the emerald ash borer.

11:10am: Joy Park – Nehmer gave a brief history of the property and noted that the Highway committee transferred title to Parks Committee.

11:30am: Pohlmann Park – Committee members saw the new playground and shelter, noted the beautiful fall foliage and visited with a couple from Milwaukee that always stops at the park

11:45am: Rome Pond – it was noted that Rome Pond is a DNR owned property that county has on long term lease.

12:00pm: Carlin Weld – Committee members saw the shelter, well, pond, fishing area, hiking trails, and the new disc golf course.

12:30pm: Lunch

1:25pm: Welcome Travelers – Committee members saw the new playground. It was noted that the Whitewater Youth Soccer league regularly uses the park and that there is a 4-hole disc golf course.

1:40pm: Cold Spring – Wiesmann noted that a new restroom is planned for 2016.

1:42pm: Burnt Village – Nehmer noted that Burnt Village is popular for paddling access, fishing and waterfowl hunting. Christensen inquired about constructing an amenity to assist with kayak ingress/egress.

2:05pm: Blackhawk Island Fishing Wharf– Nehmer noted that the wharf is popular and functioning well.

2:35pm: Carnes Park East – The Committee toured the Mason log home

3:00pm: Mountain Bike Park – Wiesmann showed the trail building progress and talked about trail building techniques.

7. **Adjourn**

Foelker motioned to adjourn at 3:21pm. Christensen seconded. Motion passes on a 4/0 voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Nimm
Program Assistant



ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT — Austin Messerschmidt, the son of Tracy and Kandi Messerschmidt of Lake Mills and a member of Boy Scout Troop 148, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Austin has been involved in scouting from an early age. He began as a Tiger Cub and has continued through all of the ranks that Scouting offers. Through his 10 years of scouting, Austin enjoyed camping at Camp Indian trails, Bear Paw, Tesomas and Wyalusing. His favorite activities included biking, hiking, canoeing, scuba diving and swimming. He spent a night on the USS Cobia submarine in Manitowoc as well as a night in the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. For his Eagle service project Austin, shown above and below, assembled and installed benches and playground equipment at Pohlmann Park in Helenville. He supervised a host of volunteers including fellow scouts, family and friends. His mentor on the project was Jefferson County Parks Supervisor Kevin Wiesmann. The project logged 124.5 hours of planning and work, and will benefit all who enjoy Pohlmann Park. Austin is a junior at Lake Mills High School. He also participates in the marching band, LMHS Ski Club, bowling team and video game club. He consistently has been on the Lake Mills High School high honor roll. After high school he plans on attending college to earn a degree in computer engineering. Austin is active in the community. He has helped serve at EMS chili suppers and has worked at several fundraisers including the Scout brat stands held at Sentry Foods and the "Cram the Van" for the Humane Society of Jefferson County. His project included raising \$2,500 in funds which were used to donate two playground benches, a memorial bench in memory of his grandmother Shari Flood, and a piece of playground equipment designed for special needs children. He will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. The rank of Eagle is the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony is open to the public and members of the community are invited to attend.



Mountain bike park in county planned

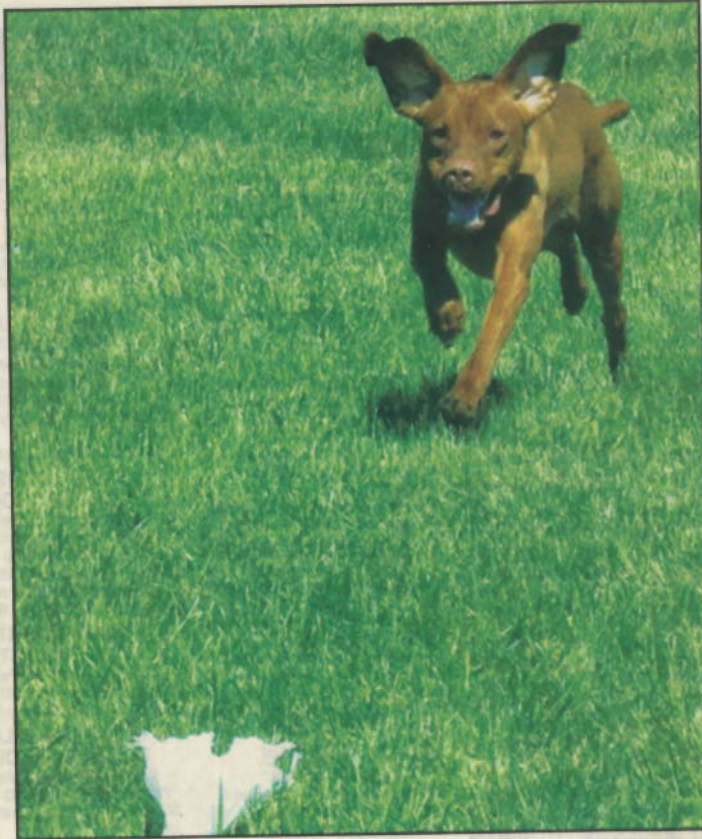
JEFFERSON — The Jefferson County Parks Department announces that it is working with the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) to design and build a mountain bike park.

The mountain bike park will be on county property adjacent to the Human Services facility south of Jefferson and next to the Glacial River Trail. The Parks Department, along with IMBA, has reviewed the site topography and has started trail design for the property.

Volunteers will be critical in the development of this mountain bike park. Persons interested in volunteering to help with this new mountain bike park should contact the Parks Department at jeffcoparks@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov or at (920) 674-7260 to get their name on the list.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 DAILY JEFFERSON COUNTY UNION

LOVE OF THE CHASE — A lure coursing event, hosted by the Friends of the Jefferson County Dog Park, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 until 11 a.m. at the Jefferson County Dog Park in Johnson Creek. Lure coursing was developed in the early 1970s as a sport for sighthounds, but any dog big or small that likes to chase will love lure coursing. Racing across a field free as the wind in the quest of an artificial lure, it doesn't get any better than that. Jim Perry, dog training expert, will explain how lure coursing works, and then the fun begins as your dog is welcome to try out this fun activity. This event is free to dogs with a 2015 Jefferson County Dog Park tag or a day pass receipt. Small dogs are welcome. Come join the fun. Any questions contact the Parks Department at (920) 674-7260 or email dogpark@jeffersoncountyiwi.gov.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015

DAILY JEFFERSON COUNTY UNION



COLOR MY WORLD — Leaves soon will be turning bright golds and red, but more muted autumn hues already can be seen in the grasses of Dorothy Carnes County Park.

Located north of Highway 12 west of Fort Atkinson, the 514 acre conservation park features 198 acres of prairie, 108 acres of oak savannah, 76 acres of agricultural land and

90 acres of wetland. It surrounds Rose Lake marsh, one of the most diverse bird areas in the county, and part of the Rose Lake State Natural Area. — Union photo by Pam Wilson.

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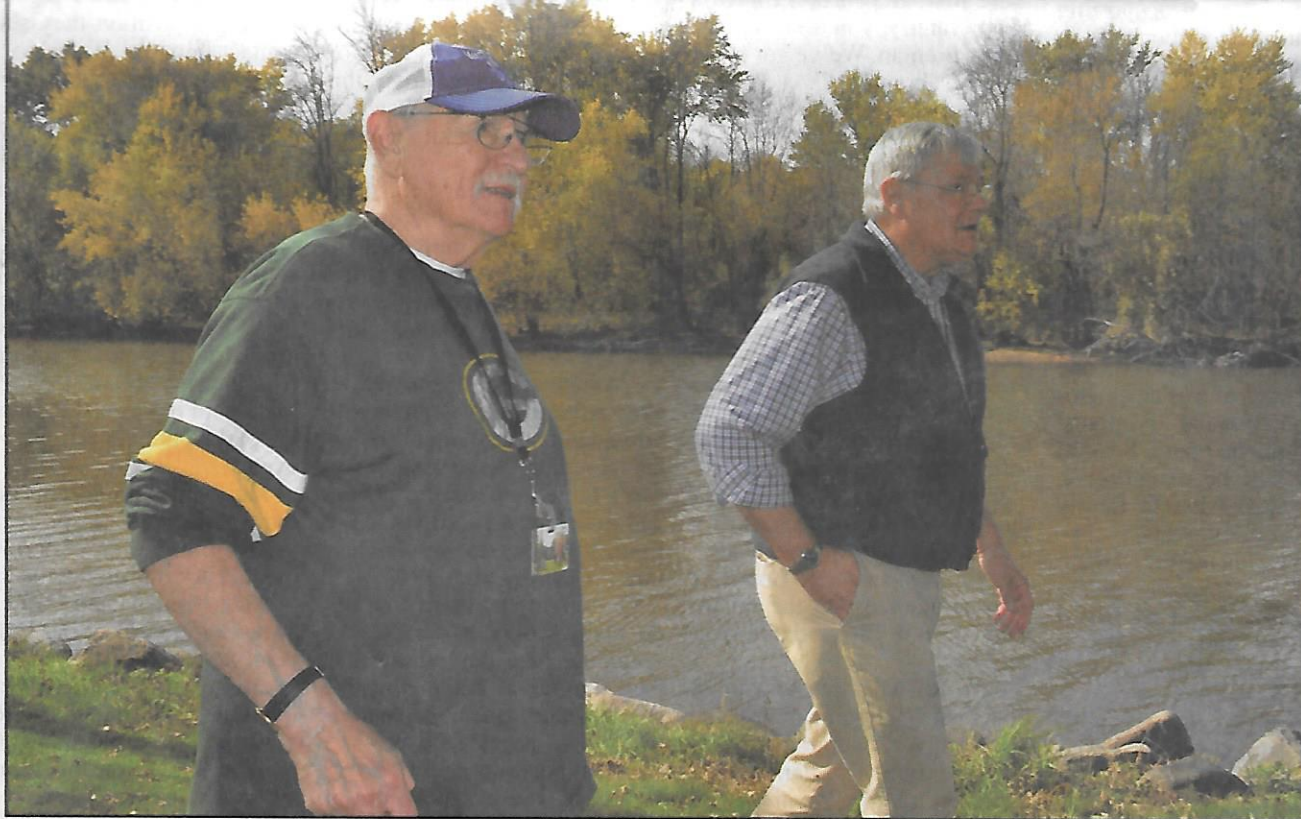
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DOG PARK

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THE YEAR
OF THE DOG

The 2016 Jefferson County Dog Park calendars are available for \$10. Purchase at the dog park, online at tinyurl.com/pej8pwe, or from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 204. All proceeds are used for dog park improvements.



STEVE SHARP/Daily Times

Jefferson County parks officials Augie Tietz, left, and Joe Nehmer paid a visit to the newly opened Rock River Public Access — Cappie's Landing Tuesday afternoon. The park is located just south of Watertown between Jefferson Road and the Rock River.

Cappie's Landing

New county park taking shape

BY STEVE SHARP
steves@wdtimes.com

Few people understand how much time, planning and persistence has gone into Jefferson County officials' efforts in recent years as they have built the county's park system into not only a stunning amenity that serves county residents, but acts as a tourist attraction to outdoor enthusiasts from throughout southern Wisconsin.

The men and women who determine the best locations for new county parks — then often see them through to fruition — sit through endless hours of discussion and negotiations in sterile, concrete block governmental meeting rooms. That is why it was a special occasion Tuesday when a pair of them met for an informal celebration of their work — this time in dazzling, bright fall sunlight along the east-shore of the Rock River south of Watertown.

The two veteran champions of the Jefferson County Park System, Augie Tietz of the parks committee, and parks department Director Joe Nehmer, met at the river to survey the site of the new Rock River Public Access — Cappie's Landing.

As the two walked a portion of the site's 6.6 acres along 600 feet of river frontage, they remarked on everything from changes that still need to be made, to accomplishments the county has under its belt at the site. What they

stressed, however, was their gratefulness to contributors who made the county's acquisition of the landing possible at a cost of \$174,000 in 2013 — groups including the Quirk Foundation, Watertown Outboarders, Inc. and the Depart-

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STEVE SHARP/Daily Times

Rock River Public Access — Cappie's Landing is now open to the public south of Watertown. The site measures 6.6 acres along 600 feet of river frontage. Donations have made the county's acquisition of the landing possible at a cost of \$174,000.

New county park open —

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ment of Natural Resources (DNR). Not a penny of county taxpayer money was spent on acquisition of the park, however the county will eventually maintain it.

Catherine Jean "Cappie" Quirk willed much of her liquid assets to the foundation after her death in 1989, according to the DNR. Part of the foundation's mission has been to preserve natural resources in the Watertown area.

The tract that comprises the river access point and park is located along Jefferson Road, which turns into Highway Y, on the Rock River, just south of the state Highway 26 bypass bridge.

Also situated on the Rock River Scenic and Historic Route, the site is currently in a rustic state. By design, it won't ever evolve much beyond what it is today — a location at which paddlers of canoes and kayaks, as well as those in motorized boats, can stop for a rest, or to camp. It is also a shore-fishing site, with Nehmer calling its opportunities for anglers "fantastic."

"This is a great place to launch a boat or a kayak, have a picnic or enjoy good fishing for everything under the sun — walleye, northern pike, bass,

catfish and of course what some people call 'the Rock River salmon,' the carp."

Tietz said a man-made inlet for boats of the former Watertown Outboarders, Inc. must be filled in, and pit toilets and a well dug, but not much else remains to be done at the site.

On Oct. 13, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution calling for approval of the implementation of the plan for the Rock River Public Access Site — Cappie's Landing.

The property was acquired from the Watertown Outboarders by the DNR, which is turning it over to the county. Making the deal possible were donations by the Watertown Outboarders and the Quirk Foundation, with the latter contributing \$25,000 to the acquisition of the property and \$28,000 for the campsite creation, toilets and well. The DNR, whom Nehmer called "a great partner," was a major player as well, with the site now included as part of the 2,150-acre Glacial Heritage Area (GHA), which is scattered across Jefferson, Dodge and Dane counties. According to Nehmer, the Outboarders provided \$25,000 to the DNR and \$25,000 each to Jefferson County and the city of Watertown, among other contributions.

"This type of thing doesn't happen without organizations like the Quirk Foundation, which was very generous," Nehmer said.

There will be three primitive campsites at the park that may only be used by people who are accessing them via the river. No motorized camping will be permitted.

A "green wall," as Nehmer called it, comprised of native trees and vegetation, will shield users of the park from the nearby stretch of the Highway 26 bypass. Picnic tables will also be added.

Tietz said when the Watertown Outboarders were using the property, it contained a large docking facility, clubhouse and other buildings, but all of it was in the floodplain so it had to be removed to create the rustic, low-intensity county park.

"I hope, by spring, we'll have exactly what we dreamed of. We don't have everything we want here yet, but it's certainly available for people to use," Tietz said as another cloud of dust rose behind a vehicle entering the park along its gravel road.

"The public can access this now," Nehmer said.

"This has been a long story and it's gratifying to see it all come together after all these years," Tietz said.



DISC GOLF COURSE — The Jefferson County Parks Department is proud to present its first disc golf course to the public. The course, located off of County Highway Z, just two miles northeast of Palmyra at Carlin-Weld County Park, is an 18-hole course that plays through open savanna, hardwood forest, and up and over glacial kettles and ridges. Hole design includes elevated pin placements, mandatory obstacles, long- and short-hole options, trash and recycling cans, benches, recycled asphalt t-pads, and bag holders. Carlin-Weld County Park has a full range of facilities including restrooms, drinking fountain, picnic shelter and a playground. The park also includes more than two miles of hiking trails, a fishing pond and plenty of parking. At this time there is no fee to use the park or play the Frisbee Golf Course. Come and play today while the weather's perfect.

Mary Nimm

Subject: FW: Public Comment Period - Holzhueter

From: Bolser, Sarah A - DNR [<mailto:Sarah.Bolser@wisconsin.gov>]

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 10:32 AM

To: Mary Nimm

Subject: RE: Public Comment Period - Holzhueter

Hi Mary,

I checked on what the next steps are. It sounds like we need to set up a meeting with Margaret and the implementation team to discuss the comments and the next steps and to see if we need to make any modification to the plan. I was thinking about setting something up the first week of November. I will send something out early next week.

Have a good weekend!

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Sarah Bolser

Superintendent – Lake Kegonsa State Park
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From: Mary Nimm [<mailto:maryn@jeffersoncountywi.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:15 AM

To: Bolser, Sarah A - DNR

Cc: Joe Nehmer

Subject: Public Comment Period - Holzhueter

Sarah,

We understand that you have received at least two comments regarding the Holzhueter Park plan during the public comment period. Please let us know of the process for evaluation of those comments and the procedure(s) for moving forward.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Nimm

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Phil Herrin (920) 253-5498

Neighbor across the road from the entrance to Holzhueter.

- Feels it was never taken into consideration what affect this would have on the neighbors.
- Proposed parking lot on the east side of the driveway (old farmstead) is 50 ft. from his front door.
- He really feels for the people who live right across the road, they are right in the middle of the property.
- Knows that Trek is involved in the project. "Trek Bicycle is not too popular around here. They already think they own the roads. They bike 3-4 across."
- Believes the roads were not designed for bicycle traffic. He has already had a couple of close calls with bikers on the road. He had an issue, were he honked his horn when coming up on some bikers to let them know he was behind them. They flipped him off. He called Trek to complain and was told it was too bad and there was nothing he could do about it.
- Feels that this project was snuck up on the neighbors and crammed down their throats.
- Stated he never received any notification about this plan. He doesn't get the paper.
- This project is ruining the lifestyle of people who live in the area.
- Is concerned about what affect the park will have on the value of his home – especially with the parking lot right across from this front door.

From: [Wise, Jennifer - ETF](#)
To: [Bolser, Sarah A - DNR](#)
Subject: Glacial Heritage Park Public Comments
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:57:12 AM

I received an "Undeliverable message" from your email when I previously sent this to you. I hope this one works!

From: Wise, Jennifer - ETF
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:40 AM
To: 'joen@jeffersoncountywi.gov' <joen@jeffersoncountywi.gov>; Bolser, Sarah A - DNR <Sarah.Bolser@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: 'Wise, David' <DWise@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Glacial Heritage Park Public Comments

Sarah and Joe,

We would like to share some of our thoughts and concerns regarding the development of Holzheuter Park. During the Open House on August 17th, many concerns were voiced by the residents of our community. It did not seem as though that those concerns were addressed thoroughly. Some of the concerns were:

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Taxes:

- Will taxes go up for the residents of the community, to pay for and maintain the park?
- Who will pay for the added maintenance costs for the area roads due to increased traffic volume?
- The lack of research done about usage rates and user fees to pay for the park maintenance.

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Noxious weeds:

- How and who will manage the thistle and noxious weed growth within the park? The land obtained by the Department at W7664 Island Rd has not been managed properly since the Department's ownership. Currently Canadian Thistle and noxious weed growth has spread to neighboring farms and other private lands from this property.

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Safety concerns:

- Safety concerns due to the increased bike traffic on the roads and the location of the Park entrance on Island Road (which is near a sharp corner in the road), which according to Mr. Nehmer's response at the Open House, has not been reviewed or researched.
- There seems to be a lack of concern for the longtime residents of the community who utilize the land currently for agricultural use in order to make their living.

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Location of the shelter:

- It would seem that the Department and the County would want to learn from past

experience and locate the shelter as close to the road as possible in order to accomplish at least the following two goals: 1) creating easy access for Authorities driving by to quickly patrol the shelter to ensure appropriate usage rather than having to drive in to the park to the shelter. 2) to try and keep the disruption of the private home life of the home owner within the park to a minimum (The Department and the County has stated that as little disruption to the home owner is a goal trying to be obtained).

- The general lack of planning by the Department and the County, the lack of communication, the lack of follow through, the lack of community input, the lack of even asking current residents of the township if they even want the park or for the park to be used for mountain bikes. It appears as though this plan, although is aged in years, has currently been put on the fast track, while seeming to only look at the 'happy path', and neither the Department nor the County has done the appropriate homework.

Home owner's private land:

Another concern that we have is the apparent disregard or lack of understanding by the Department and the County regarding their easement rights and obligations on our land. The Department and the County have misunderstood and misrepresented the ownership of the driveway and the usage the driveway easement entitles them to. The driveway is located on our property and the state/county has very limited, well spelled out rights to use our driveway. Any usage outside of what the driveway easement specifically outlines would need to be negotiated.

It would be thought that in order to have a successful project, the above concerns will be addressed and communicated to the township residents in a timely manner with the thoughts and concerns of the home owners and residents in the township taken in to consideration above those that will use the park and then go back to their own communities.

One last thing, the email links provided on the DNR website for the public to submit comments indicates that the "Heritage Area email no longer exists", therefore I would question if you have received all public comments or not.

Thank you,

David and Jennifer Wise

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October 21, 2015



► **REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION** ◀
County Conservation Aids
Grant# CCW7180
Grant Amount: \$2,350.00

Joe Nehmer, Director
Jefferson County
311 South Center Ave
Jefferson, WI 53549

Dear Mr. Nehmer:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Governor, we are pleased to forward to you a grant agreement for financial assistance for the following project: **Jefferson Co. Garman Nature Preserve Invasive Plants Removal.**

Please review the agreement and return the original signed by the authorized official **within 30 days of this letter's date** to Sandy Chancellor at the South Central Region, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711. The second copy is for your file. Funds will be encumbered when the signed agreement is returned. Please read the items checked below. They apply to your project and grant award.

☒ **Grant Award Time Period: October 12, 2015 through June 30, 2017.** All project activities must occur within this time period to be eligible costs for reimbursement.

☒ **Changes to the approved project scope** may not be made without prior approval from the Department.

☒ Please check your local procedures to insure you comply with all applicable state laws regarding competitive bidding and awarding, if applicable.

☒ **Please note:** To simplify record keeping on chargebacks for equipment referenced in county machinery agreements, we will use the most recent rates established by the Department of Transportation, if applicable.

☒ Wisconsin law requires that you retain financial documentation for three years from the time the project is final billed.

Reimbursement claim forms and/or financial administration information are available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/CountyConservation.html> Please submit reimbursement claim forms for your project to Sandy. Feel free to contact Sandy at 608-275-7760, if you have any questions about your grant award or the reimbursement procedures. You may be contacted by the Office of the Governor or your state Legislator concerning the issuance of a press release to publicize the grant award. We are pleased to have the opportunity to participate with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Sandy Chancellor

FOR Mary Rose Teves, Director
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

Enclosure(s)

Mary Nimm

From: Joe Nehmer
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Mary Nimm
Subject: FW: Glacial Heritage Area / DNR collaboration

For the packet.

From: Genevieve Coady
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:31 AM
To: 'Ashenbrenner-Hunt, Lisa M - DNR'
Cc: Aquino, Mark D - DNR; Sukup, Laurel C - DNR; Benjamin Wehmeier; Joe Nehmer; jimschroeder@charter.net
Subject: RE: Glacial Heritage Area / DNR collaboration

Dear Lisa,

Many thanks for reaching out. Would very much appreciate a meeting to talk collaborations. Can we coordinate a meeting between myself, your team, and Joe Nehmer (County Parks/GHA) for early November to talk collaborations? Joe and I can come to you or if your team is looking for a field trip we would be happy to host the meeting as well.

Much potential to talk about.

Looking forward to furthering partnerships,



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From: Ashenbrenner-Hunt, Lisa M - DNR [<mailto:Lisa.AshenbrennerHunt@wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Genevieve Coady
Cc: Aquino, Mark D - DNR; Sukup, Laurel C - DNR
Subject: Glacial Heritage Area / DNR collaboration

Good morning Genevieve,

I work for the DNR's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program and am interested in exploring how DNR can further assistance Jefferson County with the Glacial Heritage Area project. In my role, I serve as a liaison between small businesses and various DNR programs, helping them get answers to their environmental questions and connecting them with the right people within the agency to meet their individual needs. In doing so, I work across many programs within the DNR and may be able to help coordinate DNR interaction with those working on the Glacial Heritage Area. If you are interested, I would be happy to set up a meeting with you and other DNR staff to discuss this further.

Thank you,

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

Lisa Ashenbrenner Hunt

Small Business Environmental Assistance Specialist

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October 28, 2015

Immediate Release

The Jefferson County Parks Department would like to thank the Oconomowoc Rotary Club for their \$1,000 donation and financial support for the construction of the Interurban Recreation Trail.

The Oconomowoc and Watertown Rotary Clubs hosted the Melonhead Triathlon, a fun-filled social event, on August 23, 2015 to raise money for the Interurban Recreation Trail.

The Interurban Recreation Trail is a multi-use recreation trail linking the City of Watertown to the City of Oconomowoc via the existing We Energies right-of-way corridor. The proposed multi-use bike trail corridor is nearly 11 miles in length, with the first proposed segment starting at Humboldt Street in Watertown heading east.

The Parks Department is dedicated to raising the necessary funds to construct the multi-use trail and is graciously accepting donations.

Please contact the Jefferson County Parks Department with questions about the trail and the fundraising efforts.

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Jefferson County
Parks Totals

Date Ran 10/21/2015
Period 9
Year 2015

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
1801 Parks	Revenue	(65,504.14)	(65,259.33)	(600,201.57)	(587,334.00)	(12,867.57)	(783,112.00)	(182,910.43)	76.64%
	Expenditures	71,690.51	77,246.67	643,092.83	695,220.00	(52,127.17)	926,960.00	283,867.17	69.38%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	6,186.37	11,987.33	42,891.26	107,886.00	(64,994.74)	143,848.00	100,956.74	29.82%
1806 Carol Liddle	Revenue	(9.15)	(6.67)	(75.53)	(60.00)	(15.53)	(80.00)	(4.47)	94.41%
	Expenditures	-	6,800.00	-	61,199.99	(61,199.99)	81,599.99	81,599.99	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	(9.15)	6,793.33	(75.53)	61,139.99	(61,215.52)	81,519.99	81,595.52	-0.09%
1809 Carlin Weld	Revenue	-	(4.17)	(250.00)	(37.50)	(212.50)	(50.00)	200.00	500.00%
	Expenditures	2,297.74	298.48	4,879.39	2,686.34	2,193.06	3,581.78	(1,297.61)	136.23%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	2,297.74	294.32	4,629.39	2,648.84	1,980.56	3,531.78	(1,097.61)	131.08%
1811 Korth Park	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
1812 Carnes Park	Revenue	(1,743.41)	(1,938.00)	(15,243.55)	(17,442.00)	2,198.45	(23,256.00)	(8,012.45)	65.55%
	Expenditures	14,011.03	18,343.85	29,871.75	165,094.61	(135,222.86)	220,126.15	190,254.40	13.57%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	12,267.62	16,405.85	14,628.20	147,652.61	(133,024.41)	196,870.15	182,241.95	7.43%
1813 Park Buildings	Revenue	(1,414.42)	(1,414.42)	(12,729.78)	(12,729.75)	(0.03)	(16,973.00)	(4,243.22)	75.00%
	Expenditures	1,012.07	1,414.42	10,360.63	12,729.75	(2,369.12)	16,973.00	6,612.37	61.04%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	(402.35)	-	(2,369.15)	-	(2,369.15)	-	2,369.15	#DIV/0!
1814 Garman Nature	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	41.67	-	375.00	(375.00)	500.00	500.00	0.00%
	Total	-	41.67	-	375.00	(375.00)	500.00	500.00	0.00%
1816 Glacial Heritage	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	1,100.00	3,795.00	9,900.00	(6,105.00)	13,200.00	9,405.00	28.75%
	Other Finances	-	775.33	-	6,978.00	(6,978.00)	9,304.00	9,304.00	0.00%
	Total	-	1,875.33	3,795.00	16,878.00	(13,083.00)	22,504.00	18,709.00	16.86%
1821 Snowmobile Trails	Revenue	-	(3,806.25)	-	(34,256.25)	34,256.25	(45,675.00)	(45,675.00)	0.00%
	Expenditures	-	3,806.25	45,675.00	34,256.25	11,418.75	45,675.00	-	100.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	-	-	45,675.00	-	45,675.00	-	(45,675.00)	#DIV/0!
1824 Bike Trail	Revenue	(36.00)	(90.83)	(12,755.33)	(817.50)	(11,937.83)	(1,090.00)	11,665.33	1170.21%
	Expenditures	-	216.58	4,754.45	1,949.25	2,805.20	2,599.00	(2,155.45)	182.93%
	Other Finances	-	55.53	-	499.78	(499.78)	666.37	666.37	0.00%
	Total	(36.00)	181.28	(8,000.88)	1,631.53	(9,632.41)	2,175.37	10,176.25	-367.79%
1826 Dog Park	Revenue	(1,832.00)	(3,191.67)	(33,405.30)	(28,725.00)	(4,680.30)	(38,300.00)	(4,894.70)	87.22%
	Expenditures	2,502.14	6,358.17	34,461.34	57,223.50	(22,762.16)	76,298.00	41,836.66	45.17%
	Other Finances	-	476.03	-	4,284.26	(4,284.26)	5,712.34	5,712.34	0.00%
	Total	670.14	3,642.53	1,056.04	32,782.76	(31,726.72)	43,710.34	42,654.30	2.42%
1840 Groundskeeping	Revenue	(3,854.45)	(3,911.58)	(39,434.00)	(35,204.25)	(4,229.75)	(46,939.00)	(7,505.00)	84.01%
	Expenditures	3,854.45	3,911.58	39,434.01	35,204.25	4,229.76	46,939.00	7,504.99	84.01%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	-	(0.01)	#DIV/0!
Total All Business Units	Revenue	(74,393.57)	(79,622.92)	(714,095.06)	(716,606.25)	2,511.19	(955,475.00)	(241,379.94)	74.74%
	Expenditures	95,367.94	119,495.99	816,324.40	1,075,463.94	(259,139.54)	1,433,951.92	617,627.52	56.93%
	Other Finances	-	1,348.56	-	12,137.03	(12,137.03)	16,182.71	16,182.71	0.00%
	Grand Total Parks	20,974.37	41,221.64	102,229.34	370,994.72	(268,765.38)	494,659.63	392,430.29	20.67%