

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202

June 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Amy Kramer, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass, Babcock. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Petre, Molanaro
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of May 4, 2009 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the May 4, 2009 minutes. Nass/Babcock, carried, 5-0.

6. Public Comment – None
7. Discussion and possible decision on date for Jefferson County Board Picnic

The committee agreed to host the Jefferson County Board Picnic on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Dorothy Carnes County Park

8. Discussion and possible decision on future of Farmstead at Dorothy Carnes County Park

Nehmer reported the master plan for all 5 components for Carnes Park is beginning to take shape. There is still a variety of ways it could go as far as the farmstead is concerned. Nehmer does not anticipate the master plan saying this is what you do there; the committee is going to have to say what they see as the future of the farmstead. John Molinaro from the Historic Preservation Committee discussed options to explore regarding Historic Preservation regarding: zoning issues, building code options, historic landmarks, historic registers and possible grants available. Molinaro added there is community interest in the farmstead and the question is what the Parks Committee is going to do. He feels there is a lot of potential and a lot of people who would partner with the Parks Department to raise funds. Molinaro feels it needs to start with the Parks Committee making a

decision on what they want to do with the buildings. Nehmer commented we haven't done any planning of the farmstead or site planning and asked what the comment of the committee would be on attempting to assemble a package to do a farmstead plan. We are doing a master plan for all 5 parcels that have been acquired but we haven't done any site planning. This is a site plan where you could put together the deliverables here at the committee, what you want and you could say "should it be saved or should it be torn down?" Do you save it all or some? Molinaro said there may be a grant available to do a feasibility study; he will research it. Nehmer explained that way you could go through a public input process and listen to what the community says about it. Borland asked if the Carnes Fund could be used for some of this. Nehmer said he would have to ask the legal department about using Carnes Funds.

Motion to initiate a plan for the site only and the Historic Preservation Commission to more investigation into funds and how they can be established planning funds will not come from Parks Department. Nass/Babcock, carried 5-0

9. Discussion and possible decision on New Korth Park Shelter dedication

Nehmer asked if the Park Committee wanted to do a dedication event for the New Korth Shelter. The committee decided not to have a dedication at this time.

10. Update on Rock Lake Rain Garden

Nehmer explained there are not enough monies to cover the establishing of the rain garden. It has been leveled out and seeded; the project can be done any time in the future.

11. Update on June 6, 2009 Terri Tinsley Dog Exercise Area Grand Opening

Nehmer reported we are on for this Saturday, 11:00am – 1:00pm and hope Committee members can attend. Kramer noted she will not be able to attend.

12. Cost Savings Options update

Nehmer reported Stanger is flexing time and working out at the Dog Park selling Tags. This approach seems very effective and hope in the future we can get a park staff employee to work out there.

13. Update on Park Rentals

Nehmer reported rentals are running strong and the department continues to do media releases that these shelters are available and advertise out at the shelters as well. The first kitchen rental at the new Korth Shelter went very well.

14. Update on Catering Contract

Ristow reported he talked to the Director of the Fair Park and he hasn't gotten around to drafting a contract which the Parks Department would also use. Ristow will draft a contract.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area Proposal

Nehmer reported GHA Campaign dates for public presentations and open houses throughout the county. A Media Day is scheduled and the DNR will have information on GHA at their fair booth. We will be presenting the resolution to the County Board Meeting on the 14th of July. There is a meeting set up with Corporation Council, County Board Chairman, and County Supervisors and executives from the DNR to work on a memorandum note on an understanding between Jefferson County and the DNR and then the final master plan.

16. Update on Community Gardens at Korth Park

Nehmer reported due to the late start the project has been delayed until next year 2010. They also have been in contact with partners at American Transmission Company and they have agreed to fund the installation of the garden.

17. Update on County Bike Plan development process

Nehmer reported on the plan status update.

18. Correspondence

- a. Jefferson County: The Official Guide
- b. Daily Union – "Pulling Weeds"
- c. Daily Union – Carnes Park Plan Update
- d. Daily Union, Watertown Daily Times – Paving the Way
- e. Daily Union, Watertown Daily Times – Dog Park Expansion Open House
- f. Daily Union – Adhere to Parking Rules at Rock Lake Park Lot

Nehmer reported on correspondence on media events with regards to the Parks Department.

19. Set Tentative next meeting date/time: July 6, 2009, 1:00pm – Room 202

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:00pm by Kramer/Borland carried 5-0.