

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
MAY 4, 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, Nass, Babcock. Others present: Nehmer, Petre, Ristow, Stanger, Gobel, Sheridan, Stampfl
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of April 6, 2009 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the April 6, 2009 minutes. Kramer/Babcock, carried, 4-0, Kuhlman abstained

6. Public Comment

Avis Sheridan commented she lives across from Kanow and some of her forest is in forest crop land; she is required in 2010 to do a forest harvest and was aware we are doing a forest management plan at Kanow. Nehmer reported we have approved a Forest Management Plan for Kanow and the Parks Department, and the Forester, Randy Stampfl will be more than happy to work with her on a plan.

7. Discussion and possible decision regarding “July is Park and Recreation Month”

Nehmer reported this is sent out by the Park and Recreation Association and asked if the Committee wanted to sponsor a resolution to county board or not.

Motion to sponsor a resolution to the County Board at the June County Board meeting to acknowledge “JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH”. Borland/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.

8. Discussion and possible decision on Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge

Nehmer updated the committee on the progress of the Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge Project. Ristow went over the bid results for the bridge, and discussed the

grants that have been obtained to fund the project. He stated the grants have come up short and the Hubbleton Snowmobile Club has presented a letter of credit to the County indicating they will cover the shortfall up to \$45,000 which should be enough to finish the project. Babcock requested review of the money sources. Ristow confirmed the project will be funded by State Snowmobile Grant from the Department of Natural Resources, a Federal Recreation and Trails Act Grant and the Hubbleton Snowmobile Club. The bridge will only be used by snowmobilers, fisherman, hikers and bicycles.

Motion to build the Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge. Nass/Babcock, carried 5-0

9. Discussion and possible decision on Rock Lake Rain Garden Bids

Nehmer stated that the bid results of the rain garden portion of the parking lot that services Lower Rock Lake County Park were over the amount budgeted by the Town of Lake Mills, who is financing the project. Nehmer has contacted the Town of Lake Mills with the bid results and they cannot contribute more funds. Kuhlman questioned whether the Highway Department could handle the job? Nehmer stated he would present the job to the Highway Department.

Motion to reject the bids and authorize the Highway Department to do the work if they can for the amount funded for the project based on the financing by the Town of Lake Mills. Babcock/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.

10. Update on Hearty Gardens, Mason Farm handicap plot – Josie Gobel

Gobel reported they have received the following donations for the handicap Plot from Paragon Industries LLC, the Garden Club of Fort Atkinson and the Heart of the City and are ready to construct the plot. The project will be completed by Hearty Gardens volunteers.

11. Update on Ten Year Forest Stewardship Management plans for Garman Nature Preserve, Rock Lake County Park and Bicentennial County Park – Randy Stampfl

Nehmer reported Randy has completed another large job with Garman, Upper Rock Lake County Park and the wooded portion of Bicentennial County Park. Stampfl gave a brief explanation of his reports.

Motion to approve Forest Management Plans for Garman, Upper Rock Lake County Park and the wooded portion of Bicentennial County Park. Nass/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.

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

Stanger reported on progress of the Grand Opening and is getting media coverage ready to go.

13. Cost Savings Options update

Nehmer reported on few things the Parks Department has been doing to bring in extra funds; we have sold old waste oil furnaces, received compensation from ATC for easements and park closing while they are working in the area, received compensation from Enbridge Pipeline on their violations and will receive funds from the sale of trees which will begin in 2010.

14. Update on Dog Park enforcement

Nehmer reported that an employee has been working out at the dog park a few hours on weekends. It seems to be effective in education of the users and selling tags.

15. Update on grant closings

Nehmer reported on grants that have been closed amounting to over \$61,467.00 for the bike trail repaving which are federal grants, Wisconsin DNR, RTA, Recreation Trail grants.

16. Update on Garman and Knowlton Street Soccer Field joint Stewardship Grant Application

Nehmer reported we were assisting Laura Cotting and Garret Perry and have finished the grant application and submitted it.

17. Update on funds requested for Jefferson County: The Official Guide

Nehmer reported the recommendation went to Finance Committee that \$5,000 be placed into the Parks Department account to help pay towards the publication of The Official Guide publication.

18. Update on Community Gardens at Korth Park

Nehmer reported on progress of the gardens; committee members stressed the gardeners should solicit for donations to get the garden started.

19. Update on County Bike Plan development process

Nehmer reported the development has a new engineering planning team that has a different model and pyridine and is taking a little longer, and is confident they will deliver a good product in the planning process.

20. Correspondence

Nehmer noted the Carnes Open House is on May 18, 2009.

Nehmer commented on email received from a visitor from north of Milwaukee after a park employee suggested he visit Dorothy Carnes County Park and he commented how wonderful it is.

Nehmer commented on the "Discover The Four Lakes Area" article on the Glacial Heritage Area article.

21. Set Tentative next meeting date/time: June 1, 2009, 1:00pm – Room 202

22. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:29 pm by Babcock/Nass carried 5-0.