

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
APRIL 5, 2010 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 1:07 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Babcock, Nass, Borland; Kramer arrived at 1:15. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Dallman, Ristow, Schmeling, Milbrath. Absent: Kuhlman

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of March 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes. Nass/Babcock 0-3

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discussion and possible decision on revisions to Dog Park Ordinance

Nehmer discussed the Jefferson County Dog Park Ordinance 8.07 and requested the ordinance be revised due to the amount of dogs and control issues at the Dog Park.

Motion to give Parks Director authority to bar owners and/or dogs from the dog park that have been repeat violators or problems, or if a dog presents some imminent danger; and add to that rule that entry to the park after such an order from the Parks Director is a violation of the ordinance. An appeal process should be added to the ordinance. Nass/Babcock carried 0-4

8. Discussion and possible decision on playground at Korth Park

Nehmer presented the concept of a play structure at Korth Park and presented drawings of nature based play structures appropriate for the area. Play is important and a good physical activity; it would be a very desirable complement at Korth Park. Funding is always an issue. Nehmer suggested looking into

different ways to fund the project through community involvement, businesses, and grants. The Department will continue to pursue funding opportunities.

9. Student Intern Holzheuter conceptual master plan

Nehmer presented part of the landscape architect students project, Master Plan concept of the Holzhueter Farm. The student has based his project on the many iterations of plans that have been approved by the Parks Committee and County Board as well as the Glacial Heritage Area Plan. He presented two maps showing proposed vegetation communities and another with all the trail systems.

10. Mason Farm Vandalism

Dallman reported three of the buildings were entered; the large barn on the lower level, the house, and the small equipment building. Damage has been repaired. Our main concern is if someone would get injured. We need to move forward with this project in improvement, protection or demolition on the buildings.

11. Update on Disc Golf – Chad Dallman

Dallman reported he met with Cyndi Keller, Parks Director with the City of Jefferson last week to refresh what had been discussed previously and develop a game plan. Right now the plan is to form a Disc Golf Committee of interested people. The committee will work on designing a course, layout of the area as well as look at fundraising opportunities to make the course a reality.

12. Update on Community Garden at Korth Park – Chad Dallman

Dallman reported the garden group and Parks Department are readying the garden for spring planting. The Parks Department is doing some well improvements to get hoses to the site. The garden will have 12 sites all 10'x20' plots. The Parks Department has committed to helping with the fencing; garden group will do tilling and work on getting a shed. The gardeners will take care of the fenced in area and Parks Department will take care of the perimeter around the fence which will be grass cutting.

13. Bike Projects Update

Nehmer reported on bike project updates.

a. Letter from City of Fort Atkinson regarding Hwy 26 bike trail.

b. Potential bike trail from Rita Lane to Smith Motors

c. Potential bike trail from Hwy J to Hwy W and possibly to Hwy 18

d. Possibility of paving the bike trail from the area of old Club 26 (south of Fort Atkinson) to the Rock County line for granting the DOT an easement to perform work for the Hwy 26 expansion project

e. Potential bike trail along high speed rail

14. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

a. Watertrails Map Update

Nehmer reported the map was very successful at Canoeecopia; a lot of volunteers and staff attended. We distributed about 2500 maps. We will now distribute maps to chambers, libraries, parks and recreation departments throughout Jefferson County.

15. Staffing Update

Nehmer reported we have hired a Dog Park Attendant for the 400HR limited position and are holding interviews this week for 9 Mo. Park Maintenance position. 3 month Seasonal positions are being worked on and hope to have all positions filled by mid-May.

16. Hubbleton Bridge Update

Nehmer reported the bridge was completed last summer. To date there is still a portion of the funding that has not been received from the DNR or the federal government. A grant amendment has been filed for the overrun and hopefully payment will be received after July 1st.

17. Correspondence

March 3, 2010 Dog Fancy Magazine announcement

March 6, 2010 Watertown Daily Times – Glacial Heritage Area Water Trails Map Ready

March 8, 2010 Daily Jefferson County Union – Watertrails Map for Jefferson County Paddles Unveiled

March 11, 2010 The Lake Mills Leader – Water Enthusiasts Get Look at Glacial Heritage's Water Trails

March 17, 2010 email from Ann Engelman regarding Blackhawk Island Poetry Festival

March 22, 2010 Daily Jefferson County Union – Wisconsin Conservation Club

March 25, 2010 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – Conservation in Search of New Model

March/April 2010 CAWS News Letter – Bird Walks

18. Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time: May 3, 2010, 1:00pm – Room 202

19. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.1985 (1)(E) For the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public properties

Motion to go into closed session. Nass/Babcock carried 4-0.

Roll call taken: Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Nass, Nehmer, Stanger, Dallman, Schmeling, Ristow.

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

Motion to reconvene in open session at 3:00 p.m. Nass/Babcock carried 5-0.

It is the Parks Committee desire to proceed with purchasing properties for the Glacial Heritage area.

21. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. Nass/Kramer 4-0.