

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

December 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Chair, Babcock, Nass, Kuhlman, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Wiesmann, Rooou, Petre, Ristow, Grabow, Burlingham.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of November 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 1, 2010 minutes, Tietz/Babcock, carried 4-0. Kuhlman abstained.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Fort Atkinson Gives Visitors Positive First Impression – Steve Grabow

First Impressions started at the UW Extension and the County Economic Development Committee in Grant County. In 2010 Sauk City and Prairie du Sac visited Fort Atkinson. Grabow gave a brief summary on findings and impressions of the City of Fort Atkinson from the visiting team.

8. Discussion and possible decision on agreement with DNR for completion of pre-engineering feasibility study for the Inter-Urban Trail Corridor from Watertown to Oconomowoc

Nehmer reported on the progress of the feasibility study for the Inter-rban Trail Corridor from Watertown to Oconomowoc. The committee agreed to go ahead with the feasibility study and draft an agreement with the DNR.

9. Discussion and possible decision on Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission letter – Margaret Burlingham

Burlingham presented a letter from the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Commission proposal stating their desire and willingness to work with the Parks Department and the Parks Committee on potential easement acquisitions on land that may be of interest to the Parks Department and Parks Committee. The Parks Committee agreed that they would certainly be interested in working with the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission.

10. Discussion and possible decision on Citation Authority for the Parks Operations Supervisor

Nehmer discussed the possibility of the Parks Operations Supervisor having the authority to issue citations in the field. It was recommended by Corporation Counsel to have training for the Supervisor, then work with Nehmer for a period of time and then spend some time with the Sheriff's Department. We will start training the Supervisor. This item will be put on the agenda at a later date for a decision to rewrite the ordinance.

11. Discussion and possible decision on STH16/CTH F Roundabout/Circulating bike/pedestrian path

Nehmer reported that the DOT is planning to construct a roundabout at the Intersection of State HWY16 and County F in the year 2013, a little over 2 years from now. They solicited an opinion from us on whether we want a bicycle component to ring the outside of the roundabout. Nehmer has solicited the input of a number a different parties. Perry Goetsch the Town Chair, Amy Rinard, and Supervisor Lloyd Zastrow. Lloyd didn't comment; Amy was questioning whether it was really worthwhile and Perry Goetsch said let's not do it

Motion by Kuhlman that Jefferson does not want to maintain anything at this time Nass seconded carried 5-0

12. Consider recommending resolution approving National Fish and Wildlife grant requirements on a part of Carnes Park property (part of Mason Farm)

The committee agreed to visit this subject at a later date.

13. Discussion of Park Revenue Stream – Molinaro

Molinaro spoke regarding the Parks Department and the Parks Committee looking at more revenue streams for the Parks Department. The Parks Department will research the subject and report back to the committee in the near future.

14. Discussion of Public Conservation and Recreation Land by County

Nehmer reported on The Wisconsin Taxpayer, a monthly review of Wisconsin government, taxes, and public finance report on Public Conservation and Recreation Land by County report. The committee agreed to have this report included in the 2010 Annual Report.

15. Glacial Heritage

Nehmer reported on GHA 2011 Work plan drawn up for Glacial Heritage Area. Grabow reported on Carnes Park and the follow up analysis of the buildings. He is hoping to get a couple of graduate students from the Landscape Architecture Department to assist on the project. He has also talked to a consultant who is interested in doing some pro bono work on this project. He is in the development stage of getting together a group and will report back as things progress.

16. Correspondence - None

17. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: January 10, 2011, 1:00p.m. – Room 202
Meeting for Mason Farm planning tabled until next month.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55, Borland/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.