

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

**July 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 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Chair, Babcock, Nass, Kuhlman, Tietz .  
Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Molinaro, Roou, Jacobs, Pernat's

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of June 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the June 7, 2010 minutes. Babcock/Nass, carried 4-0.**

6. Public Comment – None

7. Discuss County Board Rules relative to Glacial Heritage Area

The Committee discussed the County Board Rules relative to Glacial Heritage Area and at this time will not make any changes to the Board Rules.

8. Discussion of 2011 Parks Budget

Nehmer reported the Parks Department is in the process of developing the 2011 budget and what will be included in the 2011 Parks Budget.

9. Discuss potential Rose Lake property acquisition

Nehmer reported on the Kemmeter Property Acquisition which will be going to the County Board at the July 13, 2010 meeting.

10. Discuss park uniforms

Nehmer noted that staff are not required to wear park uniforms. We get comments from park users that they don't know who the workers are. Some districts require uniforms, others do not. Nehmer asked the committee to give consideration to this as a requirement. Petre commented that our employees should be identifiable out in public; it is a customer service thing. It was the consensus of the Park Committee that the Park Employees should wear shirts identifying themselves. The Parks Department will look into costs and report back to the committee.

11. Discussion and possible decision on potential property transfer from Drumlin Area Land Trust

Nehmer introduced Dr. Peter Jacobs representing the Drumlin Area Land Trust and the issue of potentially transferring the title for property on the Rock River in the Town of Watertown. Jacobs stated the Trust has been in possession of this property since 2001 and a few months ago became aware of the put in/take out maps. It appeared to him that it would be a fantastic piece of land for a put in/take out site on the Rock River. The Trust would like to transfer the property to the Parks Department to use as access for the river.

**Motion to accept this gift, Nass/Babcock carried 5-0**

Ristow noted that we will bring a resolution back to the Committee to forward to the County Board based on costs to put in a 3-4 car parking lot and a path to the river from Highway Department.

12. Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve parking lot project

Nehmer reported that the parking lot has been paved and will be striped shortly.

13. Discussion on Inter-Urban Rail Line

Daryl & Pearl Pernat expressed concerns about the proposal to use the Inter-Urban Line which goes through the middle of their property. Nehmer addressed the board that the project is in the early stages and the committee will be updated as we progress. Nehmer stated we are in the investigation stage of this project now and that includes a strong communication component assuming that there continues to be energy to support it moving forward. Watertown, Oconomowoc, Town of Summit and Waukesha County are excited to partner on this project.

14. Glacial Heritage Area update

Nehmer reported that he has a draft MOU, for Glacial Heritage Area. Once it is approved by the Department of Natural Resources then it will go to Corporation Council and then to the Parks Committee for approval to send it to the County Board.

15. Staffing

Nehmer reported we have hired a new Parks Operations Supervisor and he will be starting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

16. Staff Comments – Jane Stanger

Stanger commented on activities going on throughout the parks system.

17. Correspondence

- Email June 11, 2010 from Peg Pytko regarding Dog Park
- Email June 24, 2010 from Don Melchar, Park Superintendent in DePere regarding Dog Park
- Letters to the Editor, Daily Jefferson County Union – Carol Gross 6/23/10, Marlene Brunner 6/29/10

18. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time for: August 2, 2010, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

19. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:30p.m. Nass/Kuhlman carried 5-0**