

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

June 7, 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: Babcock, Nass, Borland, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Molinaro, Dahlke. Absent: Kuhlman

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of May 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 3, 2010 minutes. Nass/ Babcock, carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment – Jane Stanger

Stanger addressed the committee noting all the increased projects plus normal routine of the office has been increasing tremendously. There are two major events for the dog park which normally would have been coordinated by the. Kim and I are both working on these projects, in addition to our new projects. We really need to think about getting some help into our office. We are getting inundated with new projects. Joe is spending many hours away from the office speaking and attending meetings which slow us down. I would like the committee to realize the Parks Department is growing at a fast pace.

7. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman

Committee held elections of officers for Vice-Chairman

Motion was made to nominate Rick Kuhlman as Vice-Chairman of the Parks Committee by Nass/Babcock, motion carried 4-0.

8. Review of County Board Rules as they pertain to Parks Committee

The Parks Committee reviewed the County Board Rules as they pertain to the Parks Committee. Nass recommended we put into rules who is the lead/contact of GHA. Nehmer and Petre will a look at this and will discuss at the July meeting.

9. Review of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Mission Statement

The Parks Committee reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Mission Statement.

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

Nehmer reported the Drumlin Area Land Trust has asked if Jefferson County would like to take title to land that is currently under their control on the Rock River in the town of Watertown southeast of Watertown

Motion: To accept this property transfer. Nass/Tietz carried 4-0

11. Decision to limit the number of days allowed to send in money for a shelter reservation

Nehmer commented we have recently encountered a problem with regard to sending in deposits for rental of shelter and will be changing the Shelter Contract to limit the number of days to send in rental agreements with deposits.

12. Discussion and possible decision on issuance of a Metal Detecting permit – Ronald Dahlke

Dahlke requested permission for a Metal Detecting Permit to metal detect in the Jefferson County Parks. The Parks Committee noted after reviewing the county park ordinance this type of activity is not allowed per the ordinance that would be under section 8.09 destruction or removal property, no person shall intentionally cut down, break, injure, destroy any tree, shrub, flowers, turf, building signs, tables or other property within any park or on a recreation trail. The committee decided not to issue a permit for metal detecting in the Jefferson County Parks.

13. Discussion and possible decision on County Fish and Game Project Resolution

Nehmer reported on the County Fish and Game Project Resolution.

Motion to approve the Resolution and advance the resolution to the County Board as written in July. Nass/Tietz, carried 4-0.

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

Nehmer reported on Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve parking lot project. Bids will be opened on June 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. A report on the project will be given at the July Parks meeting.

15. Discussion on Inter-Urban Rail Line

Tietz reported on the Inter-Urban Rail Line and the possibility of a bike and ped trail on the abandoned line from Watertown to Milwaukee. We will be meeting with representatives from WE Energies and Oconomowoc. Tietz will report back to the committee with any new information.

16. Jefferson County Watertrails

Nehmer stated that we are in the process of ordering 10,000 more maps. Watertrails Committee is in the process of distributing them to sports stores and will distribute the maps at the Jefferson County Fair.

17. Glacial Heritage Area

- GHA Implementation

Nehmer reported that he has been working on the prioritization for the different functions and how that will stack up for the consideration of the overall implementation team. He has had productive work sessions with people on the regional level.

18. Staffing

Nehmer reported the all of the 3 month, 1000 hr and 9 month positions are filled. The Operations Supervisor interviews be this week and hope to have someone hired before the end of the month.

19. Correspondence

- Letter from Town of Sumner regarding Altpeter Park
- Thank you note and donation regarding Korth Park
- Email from Mike Wiza – Portage County Parks Commissioner
- Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association Newsletter, Daily Jefferson County Union, Jefferson County Advertiser and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel online blog – JEFFERSON COUNTY DOG PARK RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION
- Email from Paula A. Richardson, P.G. RSV Engineering, Inc.
- Email – Andy Didion
- Email – John Raub

20. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time for: July & September 2010, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

The committee approved July 6, 2010 and September 7, 2010 for meeting dates.

21. 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, Tietz, Nass, Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Ristow, Petre.

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

Motion to reconvene in open session at 2:40 p.m. Nass/Tietz carried 4-0.

23. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Nass/Tietz carried 4-0.