

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
January 8, 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 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Nass; Kuhlman, absent. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Petre, Schmeling, Buchholz, Milbrath, Keller, McKenzie, Mehringer, Heling, Tietz
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of December 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 7, 2009 minutes. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment

Milbrath reported that emergency responders need to have keys for the gates at the Dog Park in case an ambulance needs to enter the fenced areas. Milbrath will write up a procedure for Law Enforcement and EMS to follow for Nehmer's approval. This will include what services will be issued keys by the Parks Department. The Sherriff's Department has snowmobiles and ATV's available in case of emergency during snow cover. Milbrath commented on park checks and stated they really stepped up the park checks and it has cut down on vandalism and will be stepping up park checks as the weather warms.

7. Discussion on Hwy 26 Bike Path Contract – Phil Ristow

Nehmer discussed corrections made on the contract by Phil Ristow. The committee also noted corrections.

Motion to move the contract for approval by the County Board with corrections noted. Babcock/Nass, carried 4-0.

8. Discussion on Disc Golf Partnership – Cyndi Keller

Nehmer reported he met with the City of Jefferson and City of Fort Atkinson regarding a Disc Golf Partnership. The City of Jefferson was interested and City of Fort Atkinson respectfully declined because the location was in the City of Jefferson. Keller reported the Parks Commission discussed it at their last meeting. It was a new concept and there were a lot of questions. As we discussed it and they learned where the location was, they were very interested in the concept and liked the idea of putting it in the City of Jefferson. At this time they are not sure about what type of contributions that the city can make. So, at this point, they are very interested in continuing conversations and voted to support the concept. Supervisor Tietz added they have a Disc Golf Course in Watertown and it is very popular. They started with 9 holes and increased it to 18 holes. They do have leagues that use it; very popular with the younger generation.

9. Discussion on Holzhueter Property

Nehmer reported that the Holzhueter property is now owned by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR would like to mark all the boundaries before advertising it to the public for use. A number of people are already using the area for winter sports. The DNR is in the planning process and we will have more information as plans become available.

10. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

Nehmer reported there continues to be a lot of interest in Glacial Heritage Area and they are moving forward. Nehmer has received had contact from half a dozen different offices within DNR this week on the implementation of GHA; they have gone from the lengthy signing into the implementation process. The DNR is in the process of hiring a project person to oversee the implementation.

11. Waterways Committee Update – Rebecca Mehringer, John McKenzie

McKenzie and Mehringer discussed the progress of the map being created for canoe and kayakers with put in/take out sites, creating signage and identifying three large camping-based areas. Presented the map, all of the 72 put in/take out sites. Signs identifying by color codes what amenities are available at each site. Right now the committee is working on getting sponsorship for the signs and printing of the map. The project has been accomplished through volunteers throughout the community. The County is providing the legal framework and guidance. Mehringer noted they are looking at campsites these sites are along the watertrails and will only be accessed by water; they are specifically for paddlers. Nehmer noted one of the goals, providing we are successful and certainly plan to be, is to take these maps and information to Canoeconia in March and distribute our product and encourage people to come to Jefferson

County to the Glacial Heritage Area. Canoeopia is the largest paddling event in the Midwest /United States.

12. Borland stated that Mr. Swart has requested permission to put up a refreshment stand on his property off Old Hwy 26. He would like to allow access off the trail in to a concession area. Nass requested Swart get additional information on location and size, etc. from the Zoning Department and find out what the zoning requirements would be associated with it. Nehmer will contact Mr. Swart and will bring back more information in February.

13. Discussion and Recommendation on Creation of Glacial Heritage Area Committee

Parks Committee discussed formation of a committee for the Glacial Heritage Area on a County basis. Also discussed who should be on committees; county, cities, public, and how the formation of these committees should be established.

Motion to have the Parks Committee as the contact point for County relationships as far as Glacial Heritage Area is concerned. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

14. Update on Dog Park Fundraiser

Stanger reported on funds raised by Modern Woodmen of American for the Dog Park Agility Course.

15. Correspondence

Wisconsin Snowmobile News – Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge

Email regarding Purchase of Holzhueter Property

16. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time: **February 1, 2010, 1:00pm – Room 202**

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:32 pm. Nass/Kramer, carried 4-0.