

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

March 1, 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 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass, Borland. Nass arrived at 1:07, Kramer at 1:15. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Buchholz, Ristow, Buchholz, Schmeling, Martin, Killian, Dallman, Zentner, Grabow.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of February 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 1, 2010 minutes. Babcock/Kuhlman carried 3-0, Borland abstained.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discussion and possible decision on Dr. Linklater's request for permission to use the Jefferson County Dog Park after hours.

Nehmer reported on a request for permission to use the Jefferson County Dog Park after hours.

Motion to deny permission to use the Jefferson County Dog Park after hours. Kuhlman/Kramer, carried 5-0.

8. Update on Red Cedar Lake Channel access off Brosig Lane – Charlie Killian DNR

Killian reported on Babcock's request of possibly getting an easement on the north end of Red Cedar Lake to make it easier to access the lake. The north end is owned by US Fish and Wildlife Service and is a State Natural Area. He will make inquiries to see if anything can be done and if they would allow an access point.

9. Update on Novella Man's Mason Farm Component of Dorothy Carnes Park Site Analysis

Nehmer reported that Man's project has three different scenarios that are being considered; she will be providing conceptual comment on the three areas but only doing one in depth analysis. Man's project should be completed and ready for presentation in May.

10. STH 26 Bike Project Update

Nehmer reported Rock County, City of Janesville, and the City of Milton contacted us to discuss ways that they might pursue bicycle planning and bicycle implementation within Rock County. The DOT is now working with Rock County and has agreed to extend the Glacial River Trail from the Rock/Jefferson County line south. Jefferson County as well as the City of Fort Atkinson has received many inquiries and complaints as to why Rock County is not extending the bike trails. Milton is committed to trying to get the trail through Milton. The DOT will continue the trail from Milton down to Janesville, it is already through Janesville and they are working to take it from Janesville to Beloit and then on into Winnebago County.

11. Glacial Heritage Area Watertrails Committee Update – Rebecca Mehringer

Nehmer introduced the new paddling map the Watertrails Committee has completed. A recognition event will be held this Friday at which time we will present the map to the media. We will be at Canoecopia distributing the map. Canoecopia is the largest paddling event in the Midwestern US, and we expect to distribute several thousand maps at this event. Mehringer reported that after Canoecopia we will look at how many maps we distributed and how many we have left, then we will be distributing the maps to the Chamber of Commerce's and other sites.

12. Update on National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Full Proposal Project 19751 – proposed Cooperative Weed Management Project at Dorothy Carnes Park

Dallman reported our grant application for this Project 19751 was denied.

13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

Nehmer reported they have held an initial meeting of the implementation external advisory committee; Supervisor Nass was in attendance at that meeting. Nehmer has agreed to co-chair the implementation team with Lloyd Eagan, the regional director for south Central Region for DNR. The potential divisive issue of hunting is still alive. A meeting will be held this week with the DNR on this subject.

14. Correspondence

Stanger reported that we received a grant in the amount of \$3,290 for Oak Savannah Habitat Restoration for the Rose Lake Area, Hamer Wood lot on the south end of Rose Lake.

Letter from Jefferson Middle School with a \$160.35 donation to the Jefferson County Dog Park, on behalf of the 7th grade students.

Daily Jefferson County Union – Highway 26 Bike Trails Extending North

Email from Dennis Bullock regarding Rock Valley Astronomical Society

Daily Union – Jefferson Rotarians Learn County’s Role in New Glacial Heritage Area

Daily Union – Woodmen Support Dog Park

15. Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time: April 5, 2010, 1:00pm – Room 202

16. 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. Kuhlman/Babcock carried 5-0.

Roll call taken: Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman Nass, Nehmer, Stanger, Zentner, Schmeling, Ristow, Martin

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

Motion to reconvene in open session at 2:30 p.m. Nass/Babcock carried 5-0.

Motion to direct staff to proceed with acquisition of this property discussed in closed session. Nass/Babcock carried 4-0.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Babcock/Kramer 4-0.