

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

April 4, 2011 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 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Kuhlman, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Petre, Buchholz, Klotz, Cicero, Oostdik, Grabow, Strauss, Waldmann, McClain. Babcock, excused absence.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of March 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 7, 2011 meeting minutes, Kuhlman/Nass, carried 3-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discussion and possible decision on County Bike Plan Approval Process – Rob Klotz

Discussed the County Bike Plan Approval Process. Grabow suggested having an event to unveil the Bike Plan Update to the public. This allows us to generate interest and support of the plan as well as ensure good communication with the chief interest groups and the public before moving forward for approval.

8. Update on drainage study adjacent to Korth Park – Rock Lake Improvement Association – Hope Oostdik

Oostdik, a member of the Rock Lake Improvement Association Board, updated the committee on grants they have received to study the Miljala Shores channel which flows into Rock Lake. There are drainage ditches flowing into the channel. They will be studying these ditches to see if they are contaminating the channel and contributing to the sediment and phosphorus loading into Rock Lake. The channel runs along the property line of Korth Park. The association will be studying this and will be checking out drainage tiles etc. around the area including Korth Park. The Association wants to make sure the Parks Committee is informed of the study of tiles and will keep the committee abreast of the situation.

9. Discussion and possible decision on Geocaching – Becky Waldman

Waldman gave a brief presentation on geocaching.com, a website she has been working for since 2007. Waldman is reviewer of geocaches for the state of Wisconsin that are published on the website. The purpose of the website is for someone submitting a geocache to have geocaching.com review the cache site and make sure it meets the guidelines. Once approved the cache is listed on the site. Geocaching.com has no fees for membership; unless you want a premium membership, which costs \$30. Waldmann offered Jefferson County a free premium membership if the Parks Department wants to create an identity.

The \$25.00 application fee for placing up to 3 caches within the Jefferson County Parks system was discussed. It was decided the fee would be removed but one would still need to fill out an application for the caches through the Parks Department.

Motion to remove the \$25.00 application fee and make it a voluntary contribution to support Geocaching. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 4-0

10. Discussion and possible decision on Badger State Hunting Retriever Club request to train dogs at Dorothy Carnes Park – Diana McClain

McClain, from the Badger State Hunting Retriever Club, requested permission to train their dogs in a section of Dorothy Carnes Park. It was noted that the park is a state natural area and is not an off leash park for dogs. There is the issue of nesting birds and different grants we are working on at the park. McClain asked if we have a park that would be less invasive. It was suggested they look at the dog park, fair park, and Carlin Weld. McClain will look at these options and if she feels one would fit the clubs needs she will get back to us.

11. Update on Garman/Knowlton Park Project

Nehmer reported that Wiesmann went to the last meeting. No new direction or new decisions were made. Nehmer commented to the committee that there really isn't a designated source of funding as far as the City of Waterloo is concerned that could be entering into this. What I would like to point out is that we need to be patient as the project progresses. Update: Waterloo has committed funds.

12. Park Revenue Update

Buchholz gave a Park Revenue update with handout on 2010 revenue received. A survey was also done on comparable counties. The major source of revenue identified by the survey was camping, which we do not have. A comment was made for every dollar brought in; 2 dollars would be spent for camping. The committee suggested we look into rustic camping and report back.

13. Correspondence

a)Email from Lisa Messer regarding tree on Hwy 26 Construction Project, South most uniform shape of a Burr Oak you can find about 300-350 years old.

The DOT wants to feature a section of the tree at the bike trail parking lot. DOT will prepare and preserve it and develop a sign about the tree. Nehmer suggested that we get a piece of the tree and talk about the history of Jefferson County at an appropriate site. Molinaro suggested having a carver do a carving out of a piece of the tree.

14. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: May 9, 2011, 1:00pm – Room 202 and reschedule July meeting to July 11, 2011.

15. Adjourn

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