

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

**AUGUST 1, 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 Glen Borland, Chairman at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Kuhlman, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Wiesmann, Buchholz, Molinaro, Roou, Scott, Farnham, Heling, McKenzie, Harder, Oxley, Krohmer.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of July 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the July 11, 2011 meeting minutes, Tietz/Nass, Babcock and Kuhlman abstained, carried 3-0.**

6. Public Comment - None

7. Rock River Trail Initiative – Greg Farnham

Farnham gave a presentation to the committee on the Rock River Trail Initiative. Their goal is to be designated as both a state and national recreation trail starting at the headwaters in Fond du Lac County Wisconsin to the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Illinois. In addition they want to develop a separate Rock River Route on roads within the river corridor to provide access for all to the natural resources, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty and historic and cultural assets of the Rock River

**Motion made by the Jefferson County Parks Committee is in full cooperation at this point with the Rock River Initiative. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 5-0.**

(Will be taken to the County Board at a later date)

8. 2012 budget discussion

2012 capital budget items were discussed.

**Motion to approve capital budget request as outlined with \$100 over the 2011 budget. Nass/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.**

9. Update on Bike Forum

Nehmer updated the committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bike Forum held in Whitewater. There were 40+ people in attendance and the presentation was well received.

10. Interurban Line Update

Phil Ristow gave an update on the legal aspects of bridging the gap between WE Energies and the DNR for the agreement. Nehmer reported the Parks Department is putting the finishing touches on an RFP. This project is being funded by the Wisconsin DNR and the Parks Department. The feasibility study should be completed before grant application can be filed.

**Motion to authorize Joe Nehmer to compose the RFP upon having the \$7,000 in hand.  
Nass/Babcock, carried 5-0**

11. Endowment Update

Molinaro updated the committee on raising funds to start up the endowment fund.

12. GHA Update

An implementation team meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July at Korth Park that was well attended by the DNR as well as Jefferson County and other dignitaries. A presentation was given on doing a segment through Discover Wisconsin about the Glacial Heritage Area.

13. Correspondence

- a. Steven Miller's Email dated 7/20/11
- b. Dog Dayz of Summer

14. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 1:00pm – Room 202

15. Adjourn 2:25 pm

**A motion to adjourn at 2:25 pm, Tietz/Nass, Carried 5-0**