

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

July 11, 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 Paul Babcock at 1:00 p.m. It was noted Glen Borland would be late.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Wiesmann, Buchholz, Molinaro. Also present: Grabow, Roou, Hartwig, Rinehart. Absent: Kuhlman

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes, Tietz/Nass, carried 3-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. John Rinehart proposal to use flood mitigation property located on Oxbow Bend for parking lot for Fishing

Rinehart requested permission to develop a parking lot on a flood mitigation property the county owns on Oxbow Bend. The parking lot would be used during the ice fishing season. The committee asked that more research be done and will revisit the item at the September meeting.

8. Update on Mason Farm Design Concept Meetings

Grabow briefed the committee on the final results of the planning process. A Phasing Plan for the Mason Farmstead was distributed. It was noted the first item in the timeline would be to reroof and stabilize the barn.

9. 2012 budget discussion

a. Fees

It was suggested the Dog Park fees be raised to:

\$20.00 for an annual dog tag for county residents; an increase of \$2.00

\$10.00 for additional dogs an increase of \$5.00

Motion to approve the proposed increases in Dog Park Fees. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

b. Deposit for all Shelters

Stanger proposed to charge a \$50.00 deposit on all shelters as of now only two shelters require a deposit.

Motion to charge a \$50 deposit on all shelters, Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

c. Snowmobile Charges

Buchholz recommended charging the Snowmobile Alliance program an administrative fee. The fee would be charged to the annual grant which is approximately \$45,000 per year. Currently the Parks Department does not charge the grant for their time spent on the program. A survey of other counties shows they are charging an administrative fee. Buchholz recommend charging 5% which would be no more than approximately \$2,275.00. Buchholz read an email from Jeff Draeger, Trail Boss for the Snowmobile Alliance opposing the fee. Dane Hartwig, President of the Snowmobile Alliance, requested more time to bring this up to the other Snowmobile Clubs in the Alliance. The item will be revisited at the September meeting.

10. Update on Bike Forum

Nehmer reported on the meeting held in Fort Atkinson several weeks back. The next meeting will be held in Walworth County at the Tripoli 4 season park pavilion in Whitewater on July 13th at 6:00pm

11. Bike Connector Trail from Fort Atkinson to Rita Lane

Nehmer reported the trail is about 2/3 done. \$19,000 was raised in two days to extend the trail 2000 feet from Rita Lane into Fort Atkinson. The DOT is matching our dollars. The estimated completion date is August 1st.

12. Interurban Line Update

Ristow reported on the Interurban Trail, the potential future bike trail from Watertown to Oconomowoc. He is in negotiations with the Wisconsin DNR and WE Energies on developing a written agreement between WE Energies, the Wisconsin DNR and Jefferson County.

13. Report on Contractor Hired to Update Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Nehmer reported that Margaret Burlingham and Tom Jennings under the auspices of Landesign have been hired to update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Seven bids were received between \$13,500 -\$19,985.

14. Endowment update

Ristow reported the paperwork was forwarded, after the County Board adopted the resolution last month, to Charlie Luthin, from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. They are in the process of preparing a final document.

15. Operations update

Kevin Wiesmann reported on park operations.

16. Correspondence

Nehmer noted the unexpected passing of Christopher Thiel, Landscape Architect, lead designer on the Garman Project.

Nehmer also noted Lloyd Eagen has transferred to another department in the DNR and will no longer be working with us on GHA.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: August 1, 2011, 1:00pm – Room 202

18. Adjourn 2:50 pm

A motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm, Nass/Babcock, Carries 4-0