

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

MARCH 7, 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 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Wiesmann, Petre, Ristow, Buchholz, Rouu, Zentner, Luthin, Captain Wallace, Dupler. Kuhlman arrived at 1:08.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of February 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 7, 2011 meeting minutes, Babcock/Nass, Borland abstained, carried 3-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discuss Establishing a Park Endowment Fund – Charlie Luthin

Luthin gave a brief introduction on the foundation he represents and answered questions.

Motion to start a Jefferson County Parks Endowment Fund, Nass/Tietz carried 5-0.

8. Discussion and possible decision on hosting a joint listening session with Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium regarding Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) inviting State Officials

Nehmer commented on getting together with Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium (JCEDC) and state elected officials to communicate our belief in Jefferson County that GHA has a great potential to be an economic driver in this area and that perhaps it would be desirable to bring the 2 committees together; this committee and JCEDC would invite the state elected officials to talk to them so that they better understand this is about jobs and the economy, and most importantly, it is about a partnership and we would like the State to be part of this partnership. The committee agreed with the proposal and recommended this be brought up at a later date; feeling the timing is off right now and early summer would be more appropriate.

9. Propose Lease of Kemmeter Farm Acreage

Ristow reported on the Kemmeter Farm lease, it is a one year lease because of the time frame with the purchase of the property there was no time to put the farm out for bids and was leased to the 2010 renter. Next fall the lease will be open for public bidding. Also there will be a Parks Ordinance Amendment about hunting, trapping and geocaching.

Motion to move the resolution and ordinance to the County Board, Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 5-0.

10. Update on Garman/Knowlton Park Project

Nehmer reported there is going to be a meeting on Thursday in Waterloo March 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm on the Fox Lane topic. Mo Hansen from the City of Waterloo hopes to move forward with documentation with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) we have not seen that yet. Kevin Wiesmann, Parks Maintenance Supervisor will be attending the meeting.

11. Park Revenue Update

a) Transition Job Program

Wiesmann reported on Transitional Job Program and employee working under the program.

b) Welcome Travelers Park/City of Whitewater

Nehmer reported he has been in contact with the City of Whitewater and asked them if they wanted to buy this park mainly because it is not consistent with Jefferson County's Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Their comment was yes they are interested but they don't have any money at this time and will contact us when they would be able to proceed.

c) Shelter Rental Fees

Stanger reported on a survey on shelters fees, county and city. It was determined the county fees are in line with other counties and cities. Also noted the Parks Department is discussing a general deposit for all park rentals for clean up.

d) Comparable Counties

Nehmer reported the Parks Department has been assembling information we don't have it all put together yet and we will bring that to you next month.

e) Kanow Tree Sale

Nehmer reported Randy Stampfl the forester has reported the DNR took care of the process of getting bids out for tree harvesting. Stampfl suggested we give them a 3 year window to complete the process of harvesting.

Motion to go ahead with the tree sale at Kanow Park. Kuhlman/Nass carried 5-0.

12. Glacial Heritage Update

Nehmer attended a GHA meeting at McKay Nurseries in Waterloo, the Garman Nature Preserve Implementation Activities List was discussed. The topic of conversation was the fact that stewardship dollars now and in the near future appear to be more difficult to come by. Molinaro noted a countywide non-binding referendum would have to be done on every stewardship grant and would then have to go to the DNR board for consideration on whether or not to approve grant requests. The next meeting will be held sometime in April.

13. Correspondence

- a) Email from Kevin Wiesmann, 2/10/11
(Town of Jefferson)

Wiesman reported on email he sent noting someone has been plowing the Glacial River Bike Trail from Farmco Lane to Groehler Road so people can walk.

- b) Nehmer reported Thursday night he was at the Town of Jefferson Planning Commission meeting for our request to create a 3 acre farm plot and was denied, the vote was no 3-2. The charge to present this was \$100.00

14. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: April 4, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – Room 202
Meeting for Mason Farm planning tabled until next month.

15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35, Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 5-0.