

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

April 8, 2013 @2:30 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 2:30 p.m.

(Note: The meeting was held in Room 112 because of construction noise)

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present:

Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Phil Ristow, John Molinaro, Margaret Burlingham, Anthony Schadt, Karen Schadt, Donald Hepp, Ken Carpenter, and Hope Oostdik. Absent: Supervisor Kelly.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Public Comment

Anthony Schadt, Town of Milford, inquired about the final draft plan for the Watertown-Waterloo Bike trail. Nehmer informed Mr. Schadt the item is not on the agenda, it was taken off the agenda by the request of Supervisor Kelly.

Hope Oostik, Town of Lake Mills commented on the Harvest Gardens at Korth Park and thanked the Parks for developing the garden.

6. Approval of the March 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Kuhlman, seconded by Tietz, to approve the March 4, 2013 meeting minutes. Carried 4-0.**

7. Communications

a. Attend Your Spring Hearing

b. County Parks Have Shelters for Rent

c. County Open Space Plan Meeting set – Fort Atkinson Daily Times – Jefferson Advertiser

d. Dog Park Donation

e. Dorothy Dash Email

f. Assembly Panel Likes Idea of Rock River Scenic Route – Watertown Daily Times

g. Economic Development Corridor May Soon Grow – Beloit Daily News

h. Letter from Senator Tim Cullen – Rock River Scenic & Historic Route

i. Guided Bird Walk Slated at Dorothy Carnes Park – Daily Union

j. Jefferson County Parks to Undergo Improvements – Daily Union

Nehmer noted Clare Carlson, President of Friends of GHA, has written a letter to the County Board. It was recommended by the Parks Committee to include the letter in the April 16, 2013 County Board packet under Communications.

8. Discussion and possible decision to authorize Snowmobile Program Application for Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Resolution

Buchholz informed the committee that the DNR requires an annual resolution to be passed by the county. The grant covers maintenance of the snowmobile trails.

**Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to approve the resolution and forward it to County Board. Carried 4-0.**

9. Discussion and possible decision to authorize application to County Fish and Game Project Grant

Ristow noted this is another annual grant that requires an annual resolution.

**Motion made by Nass, seconded by Tietz, to approve the resolution and forward it to County Board. Carried 4-0.**

10. Discussion and possible decision to authorize acceptance of grant for a Handicap Fishing Wharf on Blackhawk Island

Ristow noted that this grant has been worked on for many years and covers 80% of the project. Due to the new policy, the County Board must accept the grant.

**Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to approve the grant and forward the resolution to the County Board. Carried 4-0.**

11. Discussion on Jefferson County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update Public Meeting

Burlingham gave a brief report on the Jefferson County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Public Meeting held on March 21, 2013 at the Fort Community Credit Union in Jefferson. The next step is to take the plan to the County Board for approval.

12. Discussion and possible decision on Korth Park Playground fundraising event and consideration of naming rights

Nehmer reported on the fundraising event being planned for the playground which Modern Woodmen's representative Rick Olson is coordinating. Naming rights for a large contributor were discussed. Discussion included the specifics as to how long the naming rights would be in effect and the amount the contribution should be for naming rights .

**Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass, to establish naming rights for the playground equipment at Korth Park for the life of the playground equipment upon a \$15,000 commitment, whether paid all at once or in increments over three years. Carried 4-0.**

Ristow stated that this needs to go to County Board for approval.

13. Update on Parks Department Staffing.

Nehmer discussed what the Parks Department has worked out for staffing for the next 5 years. This is what the Parks Department thinks is necessary. The Parks Committee is agreeable to what the Parks Department has come up with and said we should go forward with our recommendations on staffing.

14. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer updated the committee on the Watertown to Waterloo bike trail. We are waiting for final draft. We have received the Memorandum of Understanding back from the DNR and it is being reviewed. Tietz reported he has formed a group to help with developing Horse Trails for the GHA and the first meeting was attended by 10 people. This group will meet again next month.

15. Update on Rock River Trail Initiative (RRTI)

Nehmer announced the Rock River Trail has now become a National Water Trail.

16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for May 6, 2013 at 1:00 pm

17. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Carried 4-0.**