

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

May 6, 2013 @1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kathleen Cauley, Phil Ristow, John Molinaro. Others present: Ken Carpenter and Professor Eric Compass, from UW-Whitewater

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Items 11, 16, 12 and 8 will be moved up.

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the April 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to approve the April 8, 2013 meeting minutes with the change in Item 5 Public Comment from the Town of Milton to Town of Milford. Carried 5-0.

7. Communications

a. Rock River Designated as National Water Trail – Daily Union – Watertown Daily Times

b. 150 Year Old Oak Tree Coming Down for Hwy 26 Expansion – Daily Union – Janesville Gazette, USA Today, Milwaukee Journal

c. Trailhead Groundbreaking, Waterloo – Daily Union

d. Koshkonong Dredging Complete – Daily Union

Nehmer announced Discover Wisconsin will be airing on June 1st and 2nd on Fox's Discover Wisconsin highlighting biking. Jefferson County will be featured in one quarter of the show.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Adopt-A-Trail Program Rules

Nehmer presented a draft of Terms and Conditions and an Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit for the Parks Department. Fort Atkinson Rotary and Jefferson Rotary clubs have stepped forward to maintain the trail between Hwy 18 west of Jefferson down to K-Mart in Fort Atkinson. The Rotary has already completed their first clean up day and collected 28 bags of garbage.

Motion to remove Item 16 from the Terms and Conditions made by Nass, seconded by Kelly. Motion failed, 2 yes, 3 nos.

Motion to adopt the Terms and Condition as is, made by Kelly seconded by Nass, carried 5-0.

12. Discussion and possible decision on Glacial Heritage Area Memorandum of Understanding Revision

Ristow explained the changes the DNR has made regarding the new regulations and rules for hunting, Wisconsin DNR has now adopted hunting in the State Parks. What they proposed in the MOU includes little less hunting than the one we had passed. We now need to approve the updates and take the proposed amendments to the County Board and explain the changes. The County Board needs to approve the MOU and then we need to send it back to the DNR for signing.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Tietz, to adopt the changes and move to the County Board for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

8. GHA Mapping – Professor Eric Compas

Nehmer introduced Eric Compas from the Geography and Geology Department at UW-Whitewater. Eric has also volunteered his time at Canoeopia and helped us out with GHA, Rock River Trail, County Parks, Bike Trails as well as a number of other projects. The university has received a Federal Grant to help small businesses with their computer mapping. Compas gave a brief presentation on what they have accomplished with the grant in creating a business. They have created a company at the university to help businesses. He explained what the company could do for Jefferson County Parks in GIS (Geographic Information Systems), mapping and how it is put out to the public on the network in forms of I phones, Smart Phone, I pads and so forth for public information. The committee expressed their wishes to go forward with this project.

9. Discussion on Parks Department Vehicle Use

Wiesmann presented a report of usage of vehicles and mowers, inventory, including mileage records showing the use of vehicles.

10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update

Buchholz presented a report of Parks Department financials as of 4/22/13.

13. Discussion on Jefferson County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

Tabled and will bring back at the June Parks Committee Meeting.

14. Update Korth Playground Project

Buchholz updated the committee on the fundraiser to be held on May 18th at Korth County Park to raise funds to install a playground.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer updated the committee on the ground breaking ceremony held for the trailhead facility in Waterloo. There was a great turnout. The next impletation team meeting will be on May 20th and we will be hosted by the Parks Department. Tietz updated the committee on the Waterloo – Watertown Bike Trail and as well as the Horse Trails Committee.

16. Update on Rock River Trail Initiative (RRTI)

Nehmer announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime this summer, which will be in either Beloit or South Beloit. Also the initiative donated 10,000 oak trees to be planted along the Rock River.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for June 3, 2013 at 1:00 pm. The September meeting will be changed to Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:41 p.m. made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.