

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

July 1, 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 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro. Others present: Margaret Burlingham, Ed Freer, Dale Neupert, Steve Duwe, Laura Cotting, Frankie Fuller

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

4. Review of the Agenda

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the June 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 3, 2013 meeting minutes by Tietz, seconded by Kelly. Carried 4-0. Kuhlman Abstaining.

7. Communications

- a. Picnic in the Park at Korth Park Last Saturday – The Lake Mills Leader
- b. Inspired by 150-year-old oak, Woman Raising Money for Trees on Hwy 26 – Janesville Gazette
- c. 2 Rivers Bike Club Donates \$2,000 – Watertown Daily Times
- d. DNR is Eyeing Property Owned by Boating Club – Watertown Daily Times
- e. Discover Wisconsin video (played after Agenda Item 14)
- f. GHA Press Release, Second Annual Bike and Hike with the Artists – Friends of GHA
- g. Glacial Heritage Area News Release (Volume 1, Issue 1) – Friends of GHA
- h. Tour da Goose Bike Ride Set This Saturday in Watertown – Daily Union

8. Donation presentation by Brook Hartwig and Jenna Lovejoy from Dorothy Dash Fundraiser

The girls could not make the meeting and will present their donation at a later date.

9. Discussion and possible decision on County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update

Nehmer discussed the Executive Summary of the County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Margaret Burlingham, Landesign presented the updated County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and reviewed the Executive Summary. The plan includes all the updates that have been done, proposed updates, and capital improvement plans. It notes the accomplishments the Parks Department has made which are many and we are proud of noted Burlingham.

Motion to approve the County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update as presented July 1, 2013 by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.

10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update

Nehmer discussed the Financials of the Parks Department. Everything is moving along as we anticipated. The 2013 Capital expenditures were discussed. The mower, trailer, and new truck have been purchased. The new shelter at Pohlman Park has been ordered. The landscaping is complete and the footings are in. The shipment of the shelter should be this week. The new bathroom is installed at the camping area at Carnes Park. We will be putting a well and pump in that same vicinity in the near future. Recreational equipment was discussed, playground at Korth Park.

Motion to approve the expenditures utilizing available funds for the recreational equipment at Korth Park made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman. Carried 4-1 Borland No.

11. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget

Nehmer discussed the Capital Items that are being requested at this time for the Committees consideration. A discussion of the items ensued.

12. Discussion on proposed subdivision adjacent to Indian Mounds Park

Nehmer discussed the proposed subdivision which is located at the corner of Indian Mounds and Trail Park.

13. Discussion and possible decision on Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan

Nehmer informed the committee that the final plan has been received. Mr. Ed Freer principal at Smith Group JJR of Madison, presented the plan to the committee.

Mr. Steve Duwe of the Town of Milford expressed concerns that he and his neighbors have about the trail plan and safety as well.

14. Update on Land Acquisition, GHA River Based Conservation Area – The Wisconsin

Natural Resources Board approved the purchase of land currently owned by the Watertown Outboarders in a 6-1 vote during their monthly meeting in Wausau. Now the request

goes to the Governor for his signature. Recreational opportunities include shore fishing, handicap fishing, camping, and put in and take outs for canoes and kayaks. There is currently a boat launch there right now for motorized boats. This was accomplished with the help of the Earl and Eugenia Quirk Foundation's gift of \$25,000. Their gift was

very important to the board members at the Wausau meeting. This is the second time the foundation has funded a GHA initiative.

**The Discover Wisconsin of the Video was shown at this time pertaining to Jefferson County

15. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: August 5, 2013 at 1:00 pm

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. made by Kelly, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.