

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
320 S Main Street, Rm 202
Jefferson WI 53549

October 7, 2013 @1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Ed Morse, 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: Borland, Kelly, Morse, Nass and Tietz. **Others present:** Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Lydia Statz.
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance
4. Review of the Agenda – No changes to the agenda.
5. Public Comment - None
6. Approval of the September 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes
Date on September Minutes is incorrect change to September 3, 2013.

Motion to approve the September 3, 2013 meeting minutes by Kelly, seconded by Tietz. Motion carried, 4-0, Morse abstained.

7. Communications
 - a. Group Permits issued for Tyranena Oktoberfest Bike Ride on the Glacial River Bike Trail (1750 participants), October 5, 2013, Tyranena Beer Run (1100 participants), November 2, 2013
 - b. Eagle Scout Project completed by Nick Peters
 - c. Ceremony Opens Rock River Trail – Watertown Daily Times
 - d. Parks Department Will Apply for State Grant to Fund Trail – Watertown Daily Times
 - e. Top Dogs Recognized by Jefferson Park, Rec – Daily Jefferson County Union, September 5, 2013
 - f. Mason Log Home Dates Back Century-and-a-Half – Daily Jefferson County Union, September 6-8, 2013
 - g. Mason Jar Jamboree – Daily Jefferson County Union, September 9, 2013
Not Listed Items: Howl”O”Ween event at the Dog Park October 20, 2013
8. Discussion and possible decision on Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan
Nehmer discussed the two different phases that were developed for the trail plan for the purpose of grant writing for route construction and implementation. A discussion occurred.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Kelly to make phase one priority, City of Waterloo to Island Road to Peschel Road, on the Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion and possible decision on Camping Policy and Fees for Primitive Camping Sites at Dorothy Carnes Park

Nehmer: Congratulated the Parks staff on the completion of the Primitive Camping sites at Dorothy Carnes Park East. Wiesmann discussed the Camping Policy and fees that have been developed.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Tietz to amend “Camping Reservations” to read “Season campsite reservations can be made starting May 1st - October 1st of each year. Off-Season requests by special permit” and approve these Primitive Camping Rules and Regulations as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discussion and possible decision regarding the Watertown Outboarders GHA acquisition
Nehmer updated the committee on the acquisition the Wisconsin DNR is attempting to purchase as part of the Glacial Heritage Area. Part of the closing calls for the clubhouse to be raised. Currently the DNR is giving the Watertown Outboarders a one year lease and then raising it. A discussion occurred regarding different options for the clubhouse.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Morse to continue to keep communication open regarding reuse of the clubhouse building on the property. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Conservation Aids Grant Resolution on
The Conservation Aids Grant Resolution was discussed.

Motion by Tietz, seconded by Nass to move the resolution to the County Board. Motion Carried 5-0

12. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget

Nehmer discussed and answered questions regarding the 2014 budget.

13. Discussion and possible decision on Special Dog Park Usage

Nehmer discussed an email received by the Parks Department inquiring about the possibility of closing a portion of the Dog Park for private rental. The committee discussed the request and discussed fee structures for an hourly or daily use permit. Nass requested the parks department look further into the request and report back to the committee when more information is obtained.

14. Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget

Nehmer reported we are about 75% through the year and our budget looks good. A larger expense will be coming up with Jefferson County Highway Department for paving at the

Dog Park, \$25,000 to complete as much as the entrance road and parking lot will be done. Other than that it is pretty much standard.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Molinaro reported on meetings in Watertown and an acquisition meeting in Cambridge. Tietz commented on the Mission of the GHA and feels it is not getting support from the DNR such as developing horse trails. The support seems to be in different areas now. Tietz reported at the Watertown meeting it was announced that WE Energies and the DNR have come to an agreement on a lease arrangement and are trying to move that forward and get something started.

16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: November 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

17. Adjourn – **Motion by Tietz, seconded by Nass to adjourn meeting at 2:35 p.m., Motion carried 5-0.**