

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 S. Center Avenue, Rm 202
Jefferson WI 53549

November 4, 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 1:00 p.m.
2. Committee members present: Borland, Kelly, Morse, and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Marie Brick, Frankie Fuller. Absent: Steve Nass
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 October 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 7, 2013 meeting minutes by Tietz, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried, 4-0.

7. Communications
 - a. Primitive Campsites OK'd at Carnes Park – Daily Union
 - b. Carnes Park Campsites – Daily Union
 - c. County Dog Park Set to host Howl'o'ween Party – Daily Union
 - d. Howl'o'ween Party to aid the Dog Park – Daily Union
 - e. New Shelter at Pohlmann Park – Daily Union
 - f. Looking Down Memory Lane October 2003 – Daily Union
 - g. Jefferson County Variance – Mary Rothenmaier
 - h. Howl'o'ween Success! – Daily Union
8. Discussion and possible decision on Camping Policy and Fees for Primitive Camping Sites at Dorothy Carnes

Discussion on camping policies and fees for the primitive camping sites at Dorothy Carnes Park, East were discussed. It was decided by the committee that they were not ready to make recommendations at this time and will revisit the item at a later meeting.

9. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget

Nehmer discussed the 2014 budget and noted the Proposed Supervisory Amendments pertaining to the Parks Department.

10. Discussion and possible decision on Special Dog Park Usage

A request from a dog park user on renting a portion of the Dog Park for special training was discussed. The committee agreed to rent portions of the Dog Park out on a trial basis at \$50.00 per hour. We will revisit the issue after we have more information and data on how many requests we have received.

11. Discussion and possible decision on revision of Dog Park Rules

The committee reviewed the rules of the dog park. The Parks Department requested another rule be added to the dog park rules.

Motion by Tietz, seconded by Kelly to add the rule stating “No more than three dogs per adult in Dog Park”. Carried 4-0.

12. Watertown Outboarders Club \$25,000 Donation to the Jefferson County Parks

Nehmer announced we have received a letter of confirmation from the Watertown Outboarders Club of a donation of \$25,000 to the Jefferson County Parks from the Watertown Outboarders Club for the purpose of installing a handicapped fishing launch and docking facility at Rock River Park on Highway B, Johnson Creek for the 2014 season.

13. Update on Fox Lane Paving

Wiesmann reported the Fox Lane paving project has been completed. Fox Lane includes the entrance road to the Garman Nature Preserve going up to the parking lot. We had committed \$25,000 some years back to the Garman Knowlton Trailhead Facility and part of those funds went towards paving of the road. The paving is a huge improvement to the access for the Nature Preserve.

14. Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget

Nehmer presented the updated 2013 Parks Department Budget and noted we are right on track with expenditures, operational costs are beginning to wind down. Seasonal staffers are about finished.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer announced to the committee that the variance has been granted by the DNR. The DNR has agreed on a variance with WE Energies for the Watertown to Oconomowoc bike path on the old WE Energies line. We are now in a position to write DNR Stewardship and RTA Grants and DOT TAP Grants. Before the variance was agreed to we were locked out because DNR required a 25 year lease agreement and

WE Energies was only willing to give a 5 year agreement, they now have agreed to a 15 year lease agreement.

Nehmer informed the committee that master planning for the Holzhueter Property is continuing, there will be a sight visit to Trek Mountain Bike Facility this week and a planning meeting after the sight visit at their facility.

Tietz spoke on potential adaptive reuse of the Watertown Outboarders property on the Rock River just outside of Watertown. Uses for the boathouse on the property were discussed. Nehmer suggested the committee tour the facility and also suggested we tour Harnischfeger County Park in Dodge County which has a similar structure they rent out. The Parks Department will arrange for a tour.

16. Update on Korth Playground Project

Wiesmann updated the committee on the playground at Korth Park, the components have arrived and are being stored until April 2014 which the manufacturer had recommended because of winter conditions. The staff is building a retaining wall and we will be ready to go in the spring and will have seasonal help back.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: December 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

18. Adjourn – **Motion by Kelly, seconded by Morse to adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m., Motion carried 4-0.**