

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

December 3, 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, Phil Ristow, Dan Spangler, Bob Bennett, Paul Marowsky, Dave Habeck, Steve Grabow
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance
4. Review of the Agenda – It was agreed to discuss Item 15 after Item 12.
5. Public Comment – Dave Habeck commented on his desire to buy 4 acres of the Hwy 18 property the Parks Department is looking to purchase from the DOT. Bob Bennett spoke on behalf of the Snowmobile Alliance and requested to be put on the January Parks Committee Agenda and also set up a meeting with the Parks Department.
6. Approval of the November 4, 2013 and November 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 4, 2013 and November 11, 2013 minutes by Tietz, seconded by Morse. Motion carried, 5-0. Nass abstained on November 11, 2013 minutes because of absence.

7. Communications
 - a. Donation from Jerry B. Mason Family Trust
 - b. Mason Log Home Hits Goal – Daily Union
 - c. Tenth Anniversary for Dog Park – Daily Union
 - d. Peters Builds Fish Line Recycling Receptacles – Daily Union
 - e. Email from Christopher Frederick, DOT regarding STH 26 Glacial River Trail Bike Trail Donation
 - f. John Raub's written comments
 - g. Donations for Crawfish Park South – Daily Union
 - h. Letter from Mary Rothenmaier, Stewardship Grants – Local Government
 - i. Donation to the proposed Crawfish River Park
 - j. Frosty Rock Challenge – Daily Union
 - k. Watertown Outboarders to use Funds for Charitable Projects – Watertown Daily Times

8. Discussion and possible decision on Request for ARES/RACES 2014 Field Day Exercise – Overnight at Upper Rock Lake Park
Dan Spangler requested permission for their Field Days Operation to be held at Upper Rock Lake Park on June 28 and 29, 2014. Borland discussed waiving the shelter fees for the club.

Motion by Nass to approve request for ARES/RACES 2014 Field Days to use Upper Rock Lake, seconded by Tietz, carried 5-0.

Motion by Borland to waive the shelter rental fees for the Ares/Races, seconded by Nass, Motion Ayes 2, Noes 3, Motion Failed

9. Discussion and possible decision on Special Use Area Rental at the Dog Park
The Special Use Area Rental at the Dog Park was discussed, the Parks Department proposed to rent out the Old Small Dog Area at \$50.00 an hour on a trial basis.

Motion made by Nass to approve the rental of the Old Small Dog Area at \$50.00 an hour on a trial basis, seconded by Kelly, carried 5-0.

10. Discussion and possible decision on Extended Use Hours at the Dog Park
Buchholz discussed a request from the Friends of The Dog Park to extend the night hours at the Dog Park until 7:00 pm or dusk. The reasoning is, by the time users get home from work there is no time to walk their dogs because of the short daylight hours. The Parks Department will also get input from the Sheriff's Department on their recommendations.

Motion made by Kelly to extend the Dog Park hours to 7:00pm or dusk, seconded by Tietz, carried 5-0.

11. Discussion on Potential Uses of the Watertown Outboarders Property Building
The potential uses of the Outboarders Property and Building were discussed. Grabow commented he will have his graduate student come to the January Meeting and discuss his thesis and master plan for the property. We will also have to ask the DNR to find out what type of uses they will allow on the property.

12. Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget
Nehmer went over the 2013 budget.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project
Nehmer updated the Committee on projects that the department has been working on, DOT Tap Grants, Stewardship Grants and Trails Grants. Our priority is the Inter Urban Bike planning and design, then the priority will shift to the Watertown to Waterloo bike planning. Nehmer reported he met with Trek Company at their farm which they use for demonstration of biking paths and mountain biking paths. The farm is available for use to their clients and employees only. They have committed to helping with design and work

at Holzhueter State Park. Augie commented that they are working on getting parking lots in at Holzheuter State Park and are looking to put parking up into the park, besides at the road.

13. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.19.85(1)(E), Statutes, to consider negotiations for potential purchase and sale of public property.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Tietz, to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statues Section 19.85(1)(E). Motion carried 5-0. Moved into closed session at 2:13 p.m. Note: Also present were: P. Ristow, John Molinaro.

14. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on the items discussed in closed session.

Motion by Tietz, seconded by Nass, to reconvene into open session. Carried 5-0. Reconvened into open session at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Nass, Seconded by Tietz to recommend rejecting Dave Habeck's offer to purchase 4 acres and continue with the purchase of the 17.5 acre parcel on Hwy 18 along the Crawfish River in good faith with the Friends of the Crawfish River Park. Carried 5-0.

16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: January 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

17. Adjourn – **Motion by Tietz, seconded by Kelly to adjourn meeting at 3:03 p.m., Motion carried 5-0.**