

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 South Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson WI 53549

March 3, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Ed Morse, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Borland at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Committee members present: Borland, Kelly, Morse, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann, Jane Stanger, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Phil Ristow, Steve Grabow, Lydia Statz, Stefan Golos, Frankie Fuller.
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law: - In compliance.
4. Review of the Agenda: Approved as written.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Approval of the February 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the February 3, 2014 minutes with the correction of Glen Borland being absent by Tietz, seconded by Morse. Borland abstained. Motion carried, 4-0.

7. Communications:

- a. Makes us Want to Shout! – Jefferson County Daily Union
- b. Bike Club Donation Photo – Jefferson County LIVING
- c. Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair – Jefferson County LIVING
- d. Heart of the City Honors Parks Chief Nehmer – Jefferson County Daily Union

Nehmer commented on the Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair, he attended on Saturday at the Waterloo Trail Head facility. There was good attendance, and the Glacial Heritage Area Friends did a great job.

8. Discussion on Rock River Corridor Inventory and Analysis Report from UW Landscape Architecture Student Stefan Golos and Professor Steve Grabow.

Steve Grabow introduced Stefan Golos, from UW Madison, he is studying Landscape Architecture. Golos presented his preliminary findings. He basically is covering 2 things in his senior thesis. One is a generalized site plan for the Watertown Outboarders Boat Club property and the second part of the project is looking at a potential new site south of the property and will be doing a detailed master plan for that project as well. He gave the committee a general status report on what he has learned regarding the two projects. The retaining wall on the Watertown Outboarders Club Property will have to be rebuilt. Golos is also looking into parking and how large a space is needed to accommodate cars and trailers. Golos will be back to present his final presentation when completed.

9. Discussion and Possible Decision on Handicap Fishing Wharf on Blackhawk Island Road, Town of Sumner

Wiesmann updated the committee on the progress of the project and noted changes in the design were made. Sections of railing for wheelchairs need to be redesigned. Wiesmann will keep the committee updated on the project.

10. Discussion and Possible Decision on Annual Snowmobile Resolution

Nehmer discussed the Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant which is for snowmobile trail maintenance. The state requires the applications be submitted annually.

Motion to approve the Resolution for the Annual Application for Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant and move to the County Board for approval by Nass, seconded by Tietz. Carried 5-0.

11. Discussion and Possible Decision on Wisconsin DOT TAP Grant Applications

Nehmer said that we submitted DOT Grants for the bike trails connecting Watertown – Oconomowoc and Watertown – Waterloo. Both grants made it through what the DOT calls the “pre-scoping document phase” and we have been invited to submit the second round applications on both of these

Motion by Nass to go forward with the materials we already have completed, seconded by Tietz. Carried 5-0.

12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Offer to Plow Snow on the Glacial River Trail

Wiesmann discussed an offer from Pro Cut Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC. to plow the south end of the Glacial River trail at no charge.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Kelly to plow the Glacial River Trail upon receipt of insurance certificate and signing a volunteer waiver form from the Parks Department. Carried 5-0.

13. Discussion and Possible Decision on Camping Policy and Procedures

Wiesmann discussed Camping Policy and Procedures.

Motion to approve the Camping Policy and Procedures made by Kelly, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.

14. Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget

- a. Carry Forward Requests
- b. Final Budget Status

Nehmer discussed the Carry Forward Request and Final Budget Status.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Watertrails Map

Wiesmann noted we have updated the Watertrails Map and delivery will be made tomorrow of 20,000 copies.

16. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer announced that the Governor's wife will be touring the Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) as part of the "Walk with Walker".

17. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for Next Meeting: April 7, 2014 at 1 p.m.

18. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 2:23 pm made by Tietz, seconded by Morse. Carried 5-0.