

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

June 2, 2014 @1:00 p.m.

Committee: Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker, Mike Kelly, Laura Payne, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tietz at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Committee members present: Tietz, Christensen, Kelly, and Payne.
Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Ben Wehmeier, Phil Ristow, Lydia Statz, Bob Bennett . Absent: Matt Foelker

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 May 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the April 7, 2014 minutes by Kelly, seconded by Christensen. Motion carried, 4-0.

7. Communications:

- a. Tonette Walker to Visit Dorothy Carnes Park – Daily Union
- b. Walk with Walker at Carnes Park on Friday – Daily Union
- c. It's a Walk in The Park – Daily Union Opinion Page
- d. Trio Paddling Length of Rock River – Beaver Dam Daily Citizen
- e. State's First Lady Takes Walk at Carnes Park – Daily Union
- f. Email from David Spiegelberg, Wisconsin Department of Tourism
- g. Pack 88 Group Camping May 16th and 17th
- h. Playground Nearly Finished – The Lake Mills Leader
- i. Our Parks Are For The Birds – and The Bird Watchers

8. Discussion and Possible Decision on changing Park Committee Meeting Date and Time

Motion by Payne, seconded by Christensen to change time of Parks Committee Meetings to 9:30 a.m. and leave date as first Monday of each month. Carried 4-0.

9. Discussion and possible Decision on Watertown Outboarders Property

Nehmer discussed the time line of the project to bring the new committee members up to date on the project. Tietz noted there is a lot of discussion going on between the Parks Department and the development of the park. It was suggested by the Corporation Counsel to work on getting the implementation plan agreed to and bring it back to the committee before going to the County Board.

A motion to support the agreement and go forward by Kelly, seconded by Payne, and to inform DNR that Jefferson County is interested in negotiating an agreement for development of Watertown Outboarders Property. Carried 4-0.

10. Discussion and Possible Decision on Parks Endowment Funds Available

Nehmer discussed the statements and balances received from the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation; we have two separate accounts there. The first one is the Jefferson County Tree Endowment which is a tree fund, and the funds available are \$573.70. The next fund is the Jefferson County Parks Fund, funds available are \$651.04.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Payne to utilize the Tree Fund Money and roll the Endowment Park Fund back into the Endowment itself. Carried 4-0.

11. Update on Harvest Gardens and Hearty Gardens

Stanger updated the committee on the two gardens that we have in our parks, Harvest Gardens at Korth Park and Hearty Gardens at Dorothy Carnes Park East. The gardens are all rented and planted. We have volunteers who run the

gardens. Wiesmann noted Dorothy Carnes Park East has 40 plots 10 X 20 feet and there is a well and pump. The gardens at Korth Park have 12 gardens, 10x20 feet these gardens do not have access to water and have rain barrels set up, and also have a hand pump.

12. Update on camping at Dorothy Carnes Park East

Stanger updated the committee on our camping and noted the sites are getting very popular.

13. Update on Dog Park Firearm Mishap

Ristow updated the committee on the mishap at the dog park and noted the Sheriff's Department is looking into the accident as to whether or not some sort of charges are appropriate given a threat to safety of a discharge of a gun in that scenario.

14. Update on Walk with Walker Event

Nehmer updated the committee on the event. The event went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the walk.

15. Update on 2014 Parks Budget

Nehmer updated the committee on the budget and that big capital expenditures have been made for the year.

16. Update on Korth Playground Project

Wiesmann updated the committee on the project.

17. Update on Watertown to Oconomowoc DOT TAP Grant

Tietz commented on the SEWRPC Meeting held at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. We were informed at the meeting that WI DOT is potentially looking at our project with statewide dollars.

18. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer updated the committee on the GHA.

19. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times - July 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

20. Adjourn:

**Motion to adjourn at 1:55 pm by Christensen, seconded by Kelly.
Carried 4-0.**