

Parks Committee Minutes
Jefferson County
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Committee members: Foelker, Matt
Kelly, Mike
Nass, Steve
Payne, Laura
Tietz, Augie

1. **Call to order**

Tietz called the meeting to order at 9:30am

2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**

Present: Tietz, Foelker, Kelly, Payne (@9:40am)

Others Present: Nehmer, Nimm, Wiesmann

Absent: Nass

3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Meeting posted and noticed according to law.

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Approved as written

5. **Approval of Park Committee minutes for August 22, 2016**

Foelker motioned to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes. Kelly seconded. Motion passes on a 3/0 vote.

6. **Communications**

Included in packet. No discussion.

7. **Public comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

No public comment.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Korth Lane Improvements**

Nehmer noted that the Highway Committee Agenda talked about the County's possible participation in improving Korth Lane. At the meeting was Wehmeier, Schroeder, Nass & Nehmer. There is no follow-up at this time.

Wehmeier stated that the question is what needs to be done to Korth Lane. The County hopes work on engineering costs in 2017 for consideration of a 2018 project.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Weather Proof Panels for Korth Park Pavilion**

Nimm indicated she met with Gallagher Tent and Awing. The Committee reviewed the Gallagher proposal.

Kelly questioned how to recover costs.

Tietz questioned the ability to host a fundraiser for the shades.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Pohlmann Park Silo**

Nehmer stated the costs from the structural engineer are \$28,000 to retain silo in safe condition. The quoted price to demo the silo is approximately \$2,000. The costs to preserve were shared with interested parties.

Augie – bids for restoration?

Wehmeier – noted the purchasing policy states that we have to get approval for bids. RFQ – rough estimate

Payne – Historic Site Preservation committee thoughts?

Nehmer – Wisconsin Historical Society does not feel it is of State importance.

Wehmeier – will have discussion with the Town to remove it from the ROW.

Kelly – if there is no fundraising, move to take it down. Cannot support refurbishment. Use seed money (demo

money) to start the fundraising for rehab?

Nehmer will work with the township to get it out of the Right-of-Way, then explore private funding opportunities

Payne motioned to speak with town about removing silo from Right-of-Way. Foelker seconded. Motion passes 4/0.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Brew with a View 2016/2017

Nehmer noted that Brew with a View is popular with the community, profitable for parks department and others. Desire to move forward.

Payne questioned if there is an interest in moving the event, or a similar event to other side of county.

12. Discussion on Camping Issues at Dorothy Carnes Park and Cappie's Landing

Nehmer stated that there is a meeting next week Thursday with Watertown and the State DATCP to find ways to resolve state governing guidelines

Wiesmann – initially opened camping at Carnes, with approval. Now sites do not meet a number of the state guidelines.

13. Discussion on 2016 and 2017 Budgets

Nehmer – 2016 ok to date, large projects yet to complete. 2017 came in below operations goal. Pick-up Truck, Mower, Electricity at Carlin Weld, upgrade dog park fencing - \$95,500.

Wehmeier – fund balance (close out of preceding year), levy (new growth from property taxes) – both put towards capital projects.

14. Discussion on Dog Park Events

Nimm noted the following events had taken place or will be taking place at the dog park

- a. Dog Dayz Swim – earned \$490
- b. Lure Coursing – earned \$220
- c. Training Workshop – Hosted by the Fort Kennel Club.
- d. 2017 Calendar – sold sponsor ads, printed and ready for distribution.

15. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA

Wiesmann – on 9/18/2016 twenty-seven students from the GHA will participate in the Rock River Sweep between Fort and Jefferson to pick up trash along the river.

16. Review annual meeting calendar and set dates for future Park Committee meetings and fall Park Tour.

Fall Tour on 10/3 @ 8:30am

17. Adjourn

Foelker motioned to adjourn at 10:48am. Kelly seconded. Motion passes 4/0.

Next scheduled meetings: October, 2016
 November, 2016
 December, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Nimm
Jefferson County Parks Department Program Assistant*