

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

Date: Monday, May 1, 2017

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 (@ 9:36am), Nass (@ 9:40am)

Absent: None

Others Present: Nehmer, Nimm, Hutter, Wiesmann, Wehmeier, Ward

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

4. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved as written. #8 tabled.

5. Approval of Park Committee minutes for April 10, 2017

Foelker/Kelly motion to approve the minutes. Motion passes 3/0.

6. Communications

Communications were included in the packet for review.

Carlin Weld disc golf tournament this weekend.

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

None

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Request by UW-Whitewater to Monitor Chemical Communications of Canids

Item removed from agenda.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Glacial Drumlin State Trail to Cambridge Connector Trail Selection & Implementation Plan

Nehmer – Cambridge news called about the status of the proposed connector trail between Cambridge and the Glacial Drumlin Trail. The proposal/plan is approx. 10 years old and focuses on a desire to connect the Village to the Drumlin Trail. This project is identified in the GHA plan. The Village has completed the trail through the Village. The trail currently runs on the west side of Koshkonong Creek, through the Village park, across Hwy 12, through low volume roads to HWY 18, it crosses HWY 18 with marked crossings and a light, runs north of HWY 18 by laundry/motel and into a cul-de-sac flange where it ends. There have been many ideas on how to make the connection. Nothing has been done north of cul-de-sac flange. There was a meeting in Cambridge (last week) to discuss. The group is looking to meet again to find an opportunity to move forward. There is a possibility for state Stewardship funds and Dane county Stewardship funds. There might be a request for a minimal financial contribution from Jefferson County and a general request for “support.”

Payne/Nass motion to support the project connection. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Dedicating the proceeds from Brew with a View (June, 2017) to the Jefferson County Parks Endowment Fund**
 Nehmer – Supervisor Nass proposal. Last year’s BWAV donations were dedicated to the Interurban Trail. Nass feels it appropriate to make this dedication. NRF reports showed two donations to the Endowment Fund from Supervisor Nass.
 Foelker/Kelly motion to dedicate the proceeds from the June, 2017 Brew with a View to the National Resources Foundation. Motion passes 5/0.
Wehmeier – the funds are physically in another location, held in trust to benefact the parks system. Proceeds used to reinvest the funds.

11. **Discussion on Jefferson County Bicycle Club financial donations to Jefferson County**
 Nehmer – on-going generosity of the bicycle club to Jefferson County. May need engineering plan/proposal to repair the Glacial River Trail (south of Fort Atkinson).

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Pohlmann Park Silo**
 Wehmeier – the question has been asked to Nehmer is ‘what is the plan for post repair to insure sign-off that the silo is safe’? We must make sure that the proposed repair covers the liability of faulty repair.
 Tietz – structural engineer approval?
 Wehmeier – liability associated with repair and should be inspected by a structural engineer.
 Payne – can we inspect after repair?
 Wehmeier – what happens if it is repaired @ \$2,000 and then is still not safe?
 Tietz – we would have to hire structural engineer. Set funding aside?
 Wehmeier – Nehmer and Wehmeier can set aside funds in budget to cover the structural review. Committee needs to know that if we repair as proposed the project is not necessarily complete.

13. **Discussion on Historical Boards at Korth Park**
 Nehmer – there is an agreement to put up photo boards on the history of the Korth property at the park. Nehmer and Wiesmann met with the Korth family several times. Designer is creating two 3’x3’ boards, at our expense. Concept would go onto west concrete block wall, under large eve.
 Wiesmann – interpretative panels can be designed to prevent sun fading and vandalism.

14. **Discussion on the Garman Nature Preserve Sign Plan and Garman Vegetative Restoration and Management Plan**
 Nehmer – a payment has been received from the Fox Valley Community Foundation for the plans. Plans will be completed and then the projects will begin implementation with funding from the foundation.
 Tietz – questioned if the foundation will support the project implementation and maintenance.

15. **Discussion on the Food Truck Sales at County Parks**
 Nehmer – met with Town of Lake Mills Chairperson to discuss food truck on trial basis near Lower Rock Lake Park. Idea is well received and will go to the Town Board.

16. **Discussion on the Interurban Trail Project**
 Nehmer – grant application has been submitted to the Greater Watertown Health Foundation. Surveying is approximately 90% completed and is waiting on water levels to recede.

17. **Discussion on Event Planning for the Grand Opening of the Rock River Trail**
 Nehmer – general celebration in Beloit Saturday, June 3, 2017.
 Wiesmann – June 3 paddle is questionable based on today’s water levels.
 Tietz – Rock River Shoot Out Tournament that weekend in Watertown – softball tournament.

18. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**
 Fuller – distributed the trees from the RRTI give-away.

19. **Review of Financial Statements (February & March 2017) and Department Update – Parks Department**
 Nehmer – all is in order. Recent change at HR committee 1,000 hour and seasonal workers. Changes precipitated by

wages that were insufficient to attract qualified candidates.

20. **Adjourn**

Foelker/Kelly motion to adjourn at 10:22am. Motion passes 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Nimm, Program Assistant