

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

Date: Monday, August 6, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to order
Tietz called the meeting to order at 8:31am
2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
Present: Tietz, Morse, Zastrow
Absent: Nass
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
Approved as written.
5. Approval of Park Committee Minutes for July 17, 2018
Morse/Zastrow 3/1
6. Communications
None
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 Changing the Rules of the Dog Park to Allow the Director to Establish Free Days for the Overall Benefit of the Park
Nehmer – working with Tyrana on a fundraiser for a boardwalk at the dog park in Area 2. Would like this to be a Free Day, Lure Coursing, Rescue Event, Food and Beer and Music. The parks committee has the authority to change the rules to allow for a free day for special events.
Zastrow/Morse – free day and to seek the proper permits for serving beer 3/0
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Model Rockets in Parks**
Nehmer – phone call request to launch model rocket at Carlin Weld Park. Staff did some research on how other counties handle model rockets. No state parks allow launching, currently one state recreation area does. Launching should be performed by a sanctioned organization, insurance is necessary, most often permitted only to clubs. Recommendation is not to allow at this time.
Tietz/Zastrow – no action at this time. 3/0
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting Bridge Construction Bid from Anderson Bridge of \$174,300 for the Bridge to Cross the Rock River on the Interurban Recreation Trail**
Nehmer – low of four bids. We can do this because word of grant funding came through last Friday.
Wehmeier – much work has been done to make this happen.
Nehmer – working to reduce the price a bit more. The cost to place the three trusses was much greater than expected.
Zastrow/Morse – 3/0
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting Bridge Installation Bid from Kraemer North America, LLC for a Not to Exceed Price of \$439,900 to Install a Bridge to Cross the Rock River on the Interurban Recreation Trail
Wehmeier – Kramer North America has made a number of visit to help reduce the costs.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Repairing the Glacial River Trail South of Fort Atkinson**
Nehmer – trail failure approx. 150 feet long. Trees were buried under the trail. Estimated cost to repair is 20-25k. Hoping for involvement from WisDOT.
Ward – we may just have to fix the trail to avoid injuries and then seek reimbursement from WisDOT.
Wehmeier – funding could come from contingency this year or as Cap next year.
Morse – liability issues? When was this part of the trail constructed? Have we considered letting it settle and continue to fill?
There is an option to remove the existing surface and fill with gravel fines until next year and perform routine inspections.
Ward – potential liability and concerns with injury.
Wiesmann- fence to narrow the trail from 10 feet to 4-5 feet and keep the trail signed to keep riders off that area.
Morse/Tietz - attempt to add screened limestone, exhaust help from WisDOT, and submit a grant. 3/0
13. **Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council**
Morse – meeting on Wednesday. Discussing Potters Field with field trip afterwards.
14. **Discussion on Upcoming Glacial Heritage Area Meeting**
Wehmeier – met with WIDNR regarding support of the GHA. DNR authorized to re-engage the GHA. Informal meeting will be held at Korth Park prior to the August BWAV @ 3:30pm on 8/23/18
15. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**
Nehmer – read Frankie’s email.
16. **Discussion on 2018/2019 Parks Department Budget**
Nehmer – 2018 is proceeding well. \$14,000 to reimburse the Craves for the Garman Nature Preserve loan. The parks budget should be able to absorb the costs.
Nehmer – 2019 Capital, replace 16 year old truck, bobcat trailer and replacement for Kubota trailer. Other potential requests are: Interurban levy request @ 20% match for TAP; potential land purchase near an existing county park, and other smaller requests.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Flood Mitigation Management Plan**
Nehmer – unsuccessful in reengaging the contact with the trust for public land in San Francisco. \$10k in budget to do draft plan. County has been acquiring properties with no management plan in place. Plan will need significant public involvement. Staffing is limited for inspection and enforcement. Must proceed with caution.
18. **Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion and possible action on considering offers to lease county owned property acquired by the county as part of the flood mitigation program.**
Tietz/Zastrow 10:01
Ayes: Tietz, Morse, Zastrow
Absent: Nass, Patrick
Others Present: Nehmer, Nimm, Hutter, Wiesmann, Wehmeier, Ward, Morrison, Christensen
19. Reconvene in open session to take action items discussed in closed session if necessary.
20. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Nimm