

Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Monday, January 7, 2018

Committee members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Nass, Steve (Vice Chair)
Morse, Ed (Secretary) Patrick, Greg
Lund, Kirk

1. **Call to order**

Tietz called the meeting to order at 8:33am

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

Parks Committee members present: Tietz, Morse, Lund, Patrick (8:38am), Nass (8:40am)

Parks Committee members absent: None

Staff in attendance: Joe Nehmer, Mary Nimm, Kaela Hutter, Kevin Wiesmann

Members of the public present: Frankie Fuller (Friends of GHA)

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

Joe Nehmer certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written.

5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for December 3, 2018**

Motion made by Morse/Patrick to add call to order time @ 8:33am and approve the minutes. Motion passed 4/0.
(@9:38am)

6. **Communications**

Mary Nimm noted that a group called the Korth Park Yogi's uses Korth Park for Yoga in the summer months and has donated \$100.

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 Approval of the Holzhueter Park Master Plan**

Joe Nehmer gave brief background of the Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Plan and Holzhueter Plan. Nehmer highlighted the history of the park planning the park and the controversial driveway access/ownership. DNR recently signed the plan and forwarded to Jefferson County Parks for signature. There are some corrections to be made to the plan prior to County signature, to include the map in the plan showing correct driveway access/ownership belonging to Mr. & Mrs. David Wise.

No committee action taken.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Rock River Trail Initiative**

Joe Nehmer talked about the importance of the Rock River Trail (RRT) and stated that Wehmeier will write a letter to those communities along the river in request of increased involvement to sustain the initiative.

No committee action taken.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Ash Tree Removal on Flood Mitigation Properties**

Kevin Wiesmann noted there are 120+ flood mitigation properties and there is no general management budget for the properties. There are (approximately 436) Ash trees located on these properties near roads, property lines, power lines, neighboring buildings, etc. The trees located in these hazard areas will need to be removed and funds will need to be necessary for removal. The request is to have a segregated fund for management/removal.

Staff will research funding opportunities.

No action taken.

11. **Discussion on the Process of Selecting a Design Firm for the Garman Nature Preserve Signage Project**
Wiesmann noted that two quotes (\$40,000 & \$45,000) for the sign plan were received from the two selected design firms. A firm has not yet been selected.
Nimm to send a copy of the proposals to the Committee.
No action taken.
12. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**
Frankie Fuller noted participation in the GHA meeting at Crave Brothers. The Friends are scheduling a future meeting and working on board participation and public education.
13. **Discussion on Donations for the Jefferson County Dog Park**
Kaela Hutter noted that park users have consistently donated to the park. Many up to \$100. To date, 2019 has received in excess of \$1,000.
14. **Discussion on 2018/2019 Parks Department Budget**
Nehmer noted that all is as normal.
15. **Tour of Holzhueter Park**
Tour postponed until weather permits.
16. **Adjourn**
Nass/Lund motion to adjourn at 9:41am. Motion passes 5/0.

*Minutes prepared by:
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