

Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Monday, June 3, 2019

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

1. Call to order

Tietz called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

2. Roll call (establish a quorum)

Parks Committee members present: Tietz, Johns, Morse, Lund

Parks Committee members absent: Nass

Staff in attendance: Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann, Blair Ward, Brian Udovich

Others present: Frankie Fuller, Walt Christensen

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

County Corporation Counsel Blair Ward certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Approval of the agenda

Approved as written

5. Approval of Park Committee Minutes for May 6, 2019

Johns/Lund motion to approve the minutes for May 6, 2019. Motion passes 4/0.

6. Communications

Nehmer introduced communications from the Fox Valley Community Valley Foundation, Natural Resources Foundation Trees for the Future, and spoke of a Dog Park artwork donation.

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 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

Nehmer – time to update the PROSP, five – eight year period, must be completed.

Three quotes received \$32,000 Vandewalle, \$39,000 SRF, and \$20,000 Grabow/Burlingame.

Recommendation is Grabow/Burlingame

Tietz/Morse motion to accept the Grabow/Burlingame proposal @ \$20,000. Motion passes 4/0.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Support of the Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

Funding mechanism for conservation/land preservation WIDNR, around 20 years. Since 1996 Jefferson County has received over \$1m.

Morse/Johns motion to reflect removal of the ten year term. Motion passes 4/0

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase and Installation of Viewing Scope at Carnes Park

Wiesmann – family donation of \$2,300 for a telescoping viewing scope as a memorial gift to Carnes Park. The Friends of Rose Lake are considering additional support towards the \$1,200 balance.

Johns/Lund accept the \$2,300 and complete as necessary. Motion passes 4/0.

11. Discussion on Farm Technology Days, July 23-July 25, 2019

Nehmer – Farm Technology Days is next month. Innovation Square, highlighting County Brand Outdoor Recreation/Small Town Living.

12. Discussion on Brew with a View

The first Brew with a View of the 2020 season was on May 30 at Korth Park. Proceeds from the event equaled \$4,553 in donations for the Parks.

13. **Discussion on Rock River Landing**
Recent engineering work on the location of the boat launch. Launch will be located at the south end of the park. On June 17, 2019 @ 10am there will be a joint meeting with City and County Park Committees to discuss the park.
14. **Discussion on completion of Segment I of the Interurban Trail**
Tietz – county has completed the trail from the west Rock River Bridge to river road. Signage is necessary. Grand Opening possible end of June, 2020.
Wiesmann – Kraemer has completed checklist items. Steep slopes along various portions of the trail will require signage. Fences installed at bridge abutments.
15. **Discussion on Wisconsin Department of Transportation TAP Grant Request for Proposals for Engineering Design Services Interurban Trail Segment II**
Nehmer – there was a Request for Qualifications: 9 submittals, 4 interviewed, unanimous that KL Engineering has the relevant TAP/Trail experience necessary.
16. **Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council**
Morse stated that the Council has been in contact with Osteopath representatives. Agree that Potters Field and the Poor Farm should be memorialized.
17. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**
Fuller noted the Friends will be hosting a Bio Blitz – finding and identifying a specific species in a short period of time in a specific place, Jeannie Scherer – starting with Dorothy Carnes Park in 2020 throughout the next few years.
Executive Board request to look a weather/climate and consider design techniques that will help deal with a changing climate.
18. **Discussion on 2019 Parks Department Budget**
Nehmer – everything on track.
19. **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 contributing funds toward the purchase of public access property.**
Johns/Lund motion to convene in closed session.
Roll Call: Morse, Tietz, Johns, Lund
Absent: Nass
Staff Present: Nehmer, Truman, Wiesmann, Ward
Others Present: Walt Christensen
Tietz/Johns make offer contingent on (2) grants . Motion passes 4/0
20. **Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on contributing funds towards the purchase of public access property.**
Lund/Johns motion to reconvene 10:32am . Motion passes 4/0.
21. **Adjourn**
Johns/Lund motion to adjourn at 10:33am. Motion passes 4/0.

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