

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 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll call (establish a quorum)

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

Parks Committee members absent: Lund

Staff in attendance: Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann and Brian Udovich

Others in attendance: Alex White, Frankie Fuller, Beth Gehred and Jimmy DiGidio

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Staff certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Approval of the agenda

Nass/Johns to approve as printed. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of Park Committee Minutes for June 3, 2019 and June 17, 2019

Motion by Nass/Johns to approve the minutes for June 3, 2019 and June 17, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Communications

None

7. Public Comment

Alex White talked about an Eagle Scout Project he is working on at the Dog Park.

8. Discussion and possible action on completion of segment I of the Interurban Recreation Trail

Udovich has been working on this project with the engineers. He discussed the recommended standards for rail fencing and signing for steep side slopes. 4,800-5,000 lineal feet of fencing may be needed. Ward recommends looking at options that would address all of the steep side slope areas. The committee will look at these steep side slope areas on their parks tour. No action taken.

9. Discussion on Wisconsin Department of Transportation TAP Grant Request for Proposals for Engineering Design Services Interurban Trail Segment II

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued and engineers were interviewed. The estimated cost is \$209,000. Staff needs to discuss the proposed contract. No action taken.

10. Discussion on Pedestrian Bridge(s) Inspection Report

An engineered inspection report was provided for review. Weismann discussed the report. The Allen Creek Bridge needs repair. Further analysis will be done. Staff will look at grant funding to complete these repairs.

Motion by Nass/Johns to continue with the analysis of the integrity of the bridge. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Parks will have a booth in Innovation Square. Volunteers are needed. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping out. No action taken.

12. Discussion on Brew with a View

Nehmer said that the attendance was down due to the stormy weather. He asked the committee for their recommendation on where a portion of future funds should go. It was suggested to send \$1,000 to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin for our Endowment Fund. Staff is looking at hosting an event for the Packers/Bears game on a Thursday night. Tyranena is also interested in being involved. Parks, Packers & Tyranena. No action taken.

13. Discussion on Rock River Landing

This is a joint project with Jefferson County and the City of Jefferson. The committee will visit this location on their tour. No action taken.

14. Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council

Morse said that the council plans to go to the site of the crypt installation at their next meeting on August 14th. No action taken.

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

Fuller said that there is a speaking program at the Fort Atkinson Club. Joe and Steve Grabow will be talking about the Glacial Heritage Area (GHA). Karl Korthmacher, from Midwest Prairie, will also be speaking on forest management. Wetlands and water recreation will be future topics. No action taken.

16. Discussion on possible action parks 2020 Fee Schedule

The fee schedule was provided for review. Staff will review the fee schedule and bring it back to the committee for review at the August meeting. No action taken.

17. Discussion on 2019 Parks Department Budget

Nehmer said that the parks department is on target. No action taken.

18. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)€ 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.

Motion by Tietz/Johns to convene in closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Nass/Morse to explore multiple partnerships for the acquisition and preservation of land for public recreation. Motion passed 4-0.

19. Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on contributing funds towards the purchase of public access property

Motion by Nass/Morse to reconvene in open session. No action taken.

20. Adjourn

Motion by Nass/Johns to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Motion passes 4-0.

The September meeting date was moved from Monday, September 2nd to Tuesday, September 3rd.

Next Agenda Items

- Discuss Canvass or Tarps for Korth Park pavilion.

Minutes prepared by: Tammie Jaeger

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