

Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 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 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
Parks Committee Present: Tietz, Morse, Nass, Johns, Lund
Staff Present: Truman, Wiesmann, Wehmeier, Ward, Schroeder
Others in Attendance: Walt Christensen, Frankie Fuller
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**
Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. **Approval of the agenda**
Nass/Lund motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes 5/0.
5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for September 3, 2019**
Nass/Johns motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019. Motion passes 5/0.
6. **Communications**
Wehmeier – informed the committee that Joe Nehmer retired on October 3, 2019.
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 Resolution Accepting Bid for Interurban Trail Fencing**
Wiesmann – noted that Lemke Fence was not the lowest bidder at \$75,883.00. The lowest bid was at \$75,000. Jefferson County has previous experience with Lemke. Lemke is recommended as the contractor for the project.
Johns/Lund moved to accept Lemke Fence as the recommended contractor for the Interurban Trail Fencing. Motion passes 5/0.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Leasing Flood Mitigation Properties**
Ward – noted the county receives inquiries on the flood mitigation properties and is questioning the typical lease for vacant land, as well as specifics/mandates set forth by Fed Govt. Lease length? Rent? Maintenance? Each parcel may have different needs/terms?
Wehmeier – noted the that leasing properties may help with enforcement
Nass – weeds, mowing ok, no structures, native plantings at parks approval, harvest dead trees, no erodible practices, unrestricted parks department access
No action taken.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Discussion on State Grant Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for County Conservation Aids for restoration of property at Carlin Weld County Park, Palmyra, WI**
Wiesmann – indicated the project is for restoration with donated funds and for restoring oak woodland. The funding will also help with follow-up spraying of buckthorn/honeysuckle and seeding.
Nass/Johns motion to submit the County Conservation Aids grant application for Carlin Weld County Park. Motion passes 5/0.
11. **Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase II**
Truman – noted that We Energies has done some of the surveying and necessary engineering work along the corridor, but because it has not been done completely, KL Engineering will most likely have to do more work than expected.
No action taken.
12. Discussion on Holzhueter Park
Truman – noted that Sam Jonas, WI DNR, has been working with the neighboring property owners to resolve the access issues.

Wiesmann – noted that he has been talking with the Forester about a potential timber harvest at the park.
No action taken.

13. **Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council**

Morse – noted that there is nothing new to report.

Wiesmann – noted the crypt delivery is scheduled for 10/8/2019. Placement at the site will have to wait for ground freeze/or water to dry.

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

Fuller – the group is working to organize a BioBlitz @ Dorothy Carnes Park, as well as planning to participate with the Friends of Haumerson’s Pond at a winter fair event end of January.

15. **Discussion on 2019 Parks Department Budget**

Wehmeier – noted that the 2019 budget looks good

16. **Discussion on 2020 Parks Department Budget**

Wehmeier – Budget book includes capital projects, programs, centralized programs to include the shifting of facilities winter maintenance to the Parks Department.

17. **Discussion on Rock River Landing**

Wehmeier – noted a property swap with housing authority, finalizing of the map layout, and the old natural gas pipeline near new underground utilities.

18. **Adjourn**

Nass/Lund motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Motion passes 5/0.

Minutes prepared by: Mary Truman

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