

## Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 205 and virtual via

<https://zoom.us/j/99587095043?pwd=VW96SVhDVUxLdm9DV0VXQ3UvckpPdZ09>

1. **Call to order**

Johns called the meeting to order at 9:01

2. am

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

Present: Christensen, David (Remote), Johns, Kelly, Smith

Absent:

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Truman, Westphal, Wehmeier, Ward, Udovich

Other's Present: Frankie Fuller – Friends of GHA

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

Wehmeier confirmed compliance

5. **Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written

6. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for June 7, 2021**

Motion by Christensen/Kelly to approve. Motion passes 5-0.

7. **Communications**

No communications

8. **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

9. **Discussion and possible Action on creating a Flood Mitigation Property Land Use Policy**

No Updates

Christensen – must be operable vehicles if left on property

Ward – standing provision in every lease stating no parking of vehicles/inoperable vehicles

Wiesmann – Rock/Koshkonong group & DNR have requested that the former Lamp property be considered as a potential boat launch parking/access providing for additional access to Lake Koshkonong

Wiesmann – appropriate uses and permitted uses/draft policy will be discussed at the next meeting

10. **Update and Discussion on Interurban Trail Design/Construction**

Wiesmann – KL Engineer Progress Report, close to 60%, working through culvert issues as well We Energies trail crossing accesses

11. **Update and Discussion on vandalism at Upper Rock Lake Park**

Wiesmann – multiple incidents with vandalism and afterhours activity at Upper Rock Lake

12. **Update and Discussion on June Brew With a View**

Wiesmann – many thanks to Tyranena (Rob & Stacy) for a successful event.

Would like to deposit the proceeds into the Parks Natural Resources Foundation account for future distribution and funding

13. **Discussion on 2021 Parks Department Budget**

Wiesmann – budget on track. Lost one full-time staff. Vacancy will reduce payroll expenditures. Position has been posted.

14. **Next scheduled meetings:**

August 9, 2021 @ 9:00 am

September 7, 2021 @ 9:00 am – Flood Mitigation Property Tour(s)

15. **Site Visit**

- Interurban Trail, Clark & Humboldt St., Watertown, WI 53094  
Discussion on interurban Trail – Status Update
- Holzhueter Farm State Park, W7664 Island Rd, Waterloo, WI 53594  
Discussion and possible action – Status Update

Smith & Christensen joined Wiesmann and Truman on the two site visits.

Wiesmann talked about Interurban Trail construction/engineering/funding/next steps.

Wiesmann talked about the plans for converting the property to a mountain bike park, and provided information about the challenges facing development.

16. **Adjourn**

Motion by Smith/Christensen to adjourn at 9:30 am. Motion passes 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S Truman  
Program Assistant