

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 202 and virtual via

<https://zoom.us/j/99587095043?pwd=VW96SVhDVUxLdm9DV0VXQ3UvckpPdz09>

1. **Call to order**

Johns called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Present: Jeff Johns, Jeff Smith, Walt Christensen, Mike Kelly, Greg David (via ZOOM)

Staff Present: Ben Wehmeier, Kevin Weismann, JR Klement Whitney DeVoe, Kelly Westphal, Brian Udovich

Other's Present: Frankie Fuller

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

Wehmeier confirmed compliance

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written

5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for July 2, 2021**

Motion by Christensen/Kelly to approve the minutes from July 2, 2021. Motion passed.

6. **Communications**

No communications

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 Amending the Parks Ordinance to Require Payment of Boat Launch Fees at Rock River County Park (Johnson Creek) and Cappie's Landing (Watertown)**

A draft ordinance was provided for review. Weismann reviewed the ordinance. Fees would be \$5.00 or \$25.00 annually.

Motion by Christensen/Kelly to approve amending the ordinance to require payment of boat launch fees at Rock River County Park (Johnson Creek) and Cappies' Landing (Watertown) and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Administrator to Sign a Non-Budgetary License Agreement with We Energies for the Interurban Trail**

A copy of the resolution was provided for review. Weismann reviewed the resolution.

Motion by Christensen/Kelly to authorize the County Administrator to sign a non-budgetary license agreement with We Energies for the Interurban Trail and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion passed 5-0.

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

A copy of the updated engineering contract was provided for review. Weismann reviewed the contract. No action taken.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on creating a Flood Mitigation Property Land Use Policy**

A proposed lease was drafted and provided for review. DeVoe reviewed the lease. Weismann talked about benefits of us managing these properties. The committee discussed lease terms and rates. The committee may tour these properties at their next meeting. No action taken.

12. **Update and Discussion on Crawfish River Park County Conservation Aids Grant**

Weismann said that staff have done some habitat work at Crawfish River Park. No action taken.

13. **Update and Discussion on July Brew with A View**

Weismann thanked everyone that helped out. The 50/50 Raffle, beer and soda sales were very successful. The next Brew With a View is scheduled for August. The committee talked about looking at expanding our events. No action taken.

14. **Discussion on 2022 Parks Department Budget**

No action taken.

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

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

16. **Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, September 9 (Flood Mitigation Property tour(s))**

17. **Adjourn**

Motion by Christensen/Kelly to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.