

## **Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 202 and virtual via Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764690750?pwd=TG9nUERZcnNRRVRoeHp5eHVZMlV1dz09>

### **1. Call to order**

Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

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

Members Present: Christensen, Gulig, Johns, Callan, Richardson

Members via Zoom: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Westphal, Wehmeier, Ward, Pederson

Others Present via Zoom: Stolar, Udovich

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

Wehmeier confirmed compliance

### **4. Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written

### **5. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for August 15, 2022**

Gulig/Johns motion to approve the Minutes for August 15, 2022. Motion passes 5/0.

### **6. Communications**

Wiesmann – Friends of Rose Lake August meeting notes.

### **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 on Interurban Trail Phase II**

Wiesmann- ongoing discussion with Jahnke, progressively falling behind, short staffed, targeting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> completion date. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> beginning of asphalt, setting majority of posts. Friday, contractors meeting, hopefully stays on target. Restoration not dormant seeding.

No action taken.

### **9. Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase III**

Wiesmann - preliminary approval stewardship grant, for section that has bridge. Thumbs up, contractors doing survey work.

Johns – questions break ground date Wiesmann – no date set

No action taken.

### **10. Discussion and Possible Action on County Conservation Aids Grant Resolution**

Wiesmann asked for 2,500, Friends of Rose Lake gave additional, prescribed firework and burning at Dorothy Carnes park and removal of invasive plants. Going after additional donations to match grant if we are successful in application.

Gulig/Callen motion to approve County conservation aids grant resolution. Motion passes 5/0.

11. Discussion on Park Hours of Operation

Wiesmann- gate operators don't let you in, hours are ½ before sunrise to 1/2 after sunset. Gulig- cross country ski trails, it's best at night, gets dark at 4 in winter months.

Wiesmann – added vandalization goes up after hours, not every park has a gate, Dorothy Carnes could have flexed time.

Gulig – possible slower vandalism rates in the winter

Wiesmann – Several parks, Rock River/Cappies received funding from DNR have certain guidelines to follow. Access during normal hours allowed egress at any time.

Johns – does vandalism at DCP? Wiesmann – yes, spray paint of farms.

Johns-talk to Sheriff's Dept.

Wehmeier- staffing shortage, hard to meet extra staffing demands.

Christensen- consider adding to next meeting agenda, Gulig would like to bring it.

Ward bring language for after-hours use.

Add to next meeting agenda.

No action taken.

12. County Parks Tour

- Pohlman County Park
- Rome Pond County Park
- Hwy E Launch - GHA
- Carlin-Weld County Park
- Welcome Travelers County Park
- Cold Spring Creamery County Park
- Burnt Village County Park
- Flood Mitigation Properties – Rock River Road
- Glacial River Bike Trail
- Altpeter County Park
- Dorothy Carnes County Park South

13. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- October 6, 2022
- November 3, 2022
- December 1, 2022

14. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

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