

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Highway Committee Room and virtual via Join Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call to order**

Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

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

Members Present: Christensen, Gulig, Callan

Members via Zoom: Richardson

Members Absent: Johns

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Westphal, Klement, Wehmeier, Udovich

Others Present via Zoom: Ward, Truman, Smith, 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 Parks Committee Minutes for September 1, 2022**

Gulig/Christensen motion to approve the minutes for September 1, 2022. Motion passes 4/0

6. **Communications**

Wiesmann – Retired Sheriff used mobility device in the parks.

Wiesmann – Friends of Rose Lake August meeting notes.

Wiesmann – Note from the dog park, Dog Park Ranger, Laura Challoner had a successful lure coursing event in September.

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 and Possible Action on Adoption of the Glacial River Mountain Bike Trails by Troop 147, Jefferson

Wiesmann – troop 147 is interested in adopting mountain bike trails which would include raking, mowing, and trimming. Phil Friend has been a long-time scout leader and offers consistent leadership, Wiesmann stated. He also stated that he would love to get more kids involved in the parks. Committee is to create formal process to adopt project.

No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Carnes North Agriculture Lease Extension

Wiesmann – agree to initial offers, restored yet this fall in addition to previous buffer work, put in an access trail around the property.

Gulig/Callan motion to approve. Motion passes 4/0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Parks Ordinance Section 8.13 Park and Trail Hours
 - Wiesmann- checked with Sheriff's Department to see if there's any internal conflicts, automatic gates would protrude access, certain places to allow this.
 - Gulig – Carnes east is the key area, wanting trails open for ski during winter.
 - Wiesmann – enforce Dorothy Carnes Park Nordic area, ex. People with dogs.
 - Klement – would we give other parks an opportunity in the future.
 - Gulig - time to 10 pm.
 - Wiesmann- add additional lighting.
 - Wehmeier- discretion to close trails.
 - Christenson- timer/motion light.
 - Klement- to reach out to Current Electric, see if we can add light fixtures or change the barn.
 - Christenson- action postponed.
 - Wehmeier – Ward to draft some language
 - Christenson to postpone action until December committee meeting pending more info on the topic ex. lighting, time, delay of allowance when grooming occurs, control by director, Callan 2nd Action to motion passes to postpone 4/0.

11. Discussion on Upper Rock Lake Park Mountain Bike Trails – Volunteer Events and Trail Construction
 - Wiesmann – great volunteer event, volunteer day, hosted food.
 - Klement- working with Morgan and Josh, had their staff come out for a field day. Volunteers went through put in a rough track for mountain bike trial.
 - Christenson- thank you cards.
 - Formal resolution at next meeting.
 - No action taken.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Flood Mitigation Properties Willow Removals
 - Wiesmann – large clumps of willow in Oxbow Bend, neighbors want to remove, neighbors reached out to restoration company, willing to pay for it. Working on it this fall. Needing permits, start as soon as possible.
 - Gulig/Callan motion to approve. Motion passes 4/0.

13. Discussion and update on Trieloff Property Acquisition
 - Wiesmann- make committee aware that this is still in process, raised all funds we were seeking to raise. Additional funds came through.
 - No action taken.

14. Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase II
 - Wiesmann – work on phase 2 done for the year, all major construction done, painting and signs are completed. Tremendous traffic on this trail, substantial use, large demand. Warranty repair work in the spring if doesn't seed proper.
 - Wiesmann - seeing a lot of parking along the road, handful of calls, don't have appropriate access. Press release notifying that trail is open.
 - Udovich- will be putting signs to discourage parking.
 - Gulig – ebike discussion, did we ponder some type of restraint/ weissmann – no issues so far for ebikes, wanted

committee to be aware of the possible future of ebikes.
No action taken.

15. Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase III

Wiesmann – getting into design engineering phase. Upcoming grant opportunities, success on stewardship grant. Ag crossings.

Christenson- weight concerns.

Wehmeier – specific point and time they can cross on map.

Udovich – start on Geotech keep project moving forward as quickly as we can.

No action taken.

16. Discussion on 2022 Budget

Wiesmann – 2022 appears to be on- track as we move through 2022.

17. Discussion on 2023 Budget

Wiesmann- budgets going forward, good place for what we asked for and what was included.

Wehmeier – have not received budget amendment

18. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- December 1, 2022
Future Agenda item: ATV/UTV signage for bike trails
- January 5, 2023
- February 2, 2023

19. Adjourn

Gulig/Callan motion to adjourn at 10:15 am. Motion passes 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

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