

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: Jefferson County Highway Department Committee Room

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: Joan Callan, Walt Christensen, Anthony Gulig, Jeff Johns, Cassie Richardson

Staff Present: Benjamin Wehmeier, Kevin Wiesmann, JR Klement, Mary Truman, Blair Ward, *Brian Udovich (remote)*

Others Present: Frankie Fuller (remote)

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

Wehmeier confirmed compliance.

4. **Approval of the agenda**

Approved as written.

5. **Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for December 1, 2022**

Gulig/Callan motion to approve the minutes. Motion passes 5/0.

6. **Communications**

Wiesmann – Wisconsin Outdoor News – Mobility devices for disabled persons, would like one (or more) placed in Jefferson County Parks.

Wiesmann – A. Didion – sent a Thank You to the staff for their help with a volunteer group on maintenance and upkeep of Crawfish River Park.

Christensen – Wehmeier/Nass suggestion to attend Drug & Alcohol Courts graduation Ceremony. Judge Brantmeier mentioned that the Parks Department has been a positive influence to assist with client recovery.

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 Electric Bike Use Ordinance on Jefferson County Bike Paths**

Wiesmann – policy (in packet) is similar to the December version. Changes have been highlighted in yellow.

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Recommendation: Section 9, 1d – strike from policy

2 Rivers: in favor of 15 mph speed limit versus class type of bicycle

Johns: questioned ability to regulate speed control

Christensen: questioned passing notifications – i.e.: verbal notification, bells, etc.

No formal action taken today.

Revising policy: Strike 1d and include passing notification in 2c

9. **Discussion on ongoing restoration at Dorothy Carnes Park North**

Wiesmann – seeded 20 acres at DCP North in December.

10. Discussion on Parks Webpage Redesign – Demo Concept

Wiesmann – staff has been working with Revize to redesign the parks web page(s) with the goal of making the pages user friendly (reservations, dog park passes, etc.). Project is funded by a grant from the Greater Watertown Health Foundation.

No action taken.

11. Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase II

Wiesmann – no updates. 100% of the TAP Grant has been requested.

12. Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase III

Wiesmann – scheduling a Public Information Meeting/Open House in February.
WisDOT Project ID for the project for design review.

13. Discussion on 2022 Budget

Wiesmann – closing year under budget

14. Discussion on 2023 Budget

Wiesmann – 2023 focus is the Interurban Trail.

15. Discussion and update on Historic Sites Preservation Committee

Callan – the committee will be working with the State Historical Society to integrate historical site data into the County GIS System.

Gulig – trying to get a student to work with the Committee on the GIS updates and programming.

16. Discussion on agenda items for the next meeting

Bicycle Policy

17. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- February 2, 2023 – reschedule to February 9, 2023
- March 2, 2023
- April 6, 2023
- May 4, 2023

18. Adjourn

Gulig/Christensen motion to adjourn at 9:43 am. Motion passes 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Truman – Adv. Program Assistant, Parks