

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: Jefferson County Highway Department Committee Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764690750?pwd=TG9nUERZcnNRRRVoeHp5eHVZMVV1dz09>

1. **Call to order**

Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

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

Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig

Remote: Johns

Absent: Richardson

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Truman, Westphal (remote), Wehmeier (remote), Ward (remote), Stolar (remote), Udovich (remote), DeVries (remote)

Others Present: Jeff Smith (remote), Frankie Fuller (remote)

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 February 9, 2023**

Gulig/Callan 4/0

6. **Communications**

Wiesmann – Interurban Phase III Public Information Meeting Press Release

Canoeopia March 10-12, 2023 one volunteer vacancy for Saturday, March 11

7. **Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

Smith – CBS (channel 58) Sunday Morning show idea, interview with Wiesmann/Christensen re: Dorothy Carnes Park

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Friends of Rose Lake (FROL) Project Planting(s) at Dorothy Carnes Park**

Wiesmann – FROL requesting to plant additional native plantings for educational displays at Carnes Park East to encourage bird habitat (blue birds, wood ducks, etc.) – interpretation of how plantings can influence/benefit birding activity.

Christensen – the next meeting will be 3/22/2023 at the County Park Shop @ 1555 Industrial Drive

No action taken.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Electric Bike Use Ordinance on Jefferson County Bike Paths**

Wiesmann – resolution included in agenda packet.

Johns – questioned the second comment, second page – 15 mph limit?

Wiesmann – electric bicycle defined according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

Christensen – electric assisted mobility devices?

Callan/Gulig motion to approve the Electric Bike Use Ordinance and forward it to the Jefferson County Board at its next meeting. Motion passes 4/0.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on additional placement of canoe/kayak rentals at Hwy 16 Wayside Park**
Wiesmann – noted that this would be an extension of the current contract with the Surf Shack canoe/kayak/paddle board rental kiosks. There is interest in placing a second kiosk at the Hwy 16 Wayside in Ixonia. This is the same contract, with the additional location. 10% of the revenue will be returned to Jefferson County Parks.
Johns/Gulig motion to accept the revised contract. Motion passes 4/0.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Garman Nature Preserve Vegetation Management Request for Qualifications**
Wiesmann – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was published 3 years ago for vegetation restoration work at the Garman Nature Preserve. There is a private donor/endowment of approximately \$100k per year with a purpose of providing funding for the restoration. The department republished a RFQ to review service providers, with the goal of making sure the project is getting the most qualified service at a competitive price. The attached list of vendors provided a response to the RFQ. Highlighted (on the list) are three recommended vendors. After interviewing the three providers, the department recommends *Tall Grass Prairies* (3-year contract) to continue the restoration process, previously contracted with Midwest Prairies.
Callan/Gulig motion to enter into a 3-year contract with Tall Grass Prairies for vegetation restoration at Garman Nature Preserve. Motion passes 4/0.
12. **Discussion on proposed treatment of Spongy Moths at Indian Mounds County Park**
Wiesmann – map included of “hot areas” for treatment. Neighboring property owners will also be participating.
13. **Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase III**
Wiesmann – Public Information Meeting is tonight at the Ixonia Town Hall
Design Engineering continues with KL Engineering
Working in tandem with We Energies on culvert replacements
14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Department of Transportation TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant Resolution**
Wiesmann – TAP grant resolution, required for grant application submittal and receipt of funds upon award.
Wehmeier – County will have 20% available for match.
Christensen – Adopt a Trail to help with maintenance/funding?
Gulig/Callan to approve the Wisconsin Department of Transportation TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant Resolution and to recommend forwarding to the Jefferson County Board at its next meeting. Motion passes 4/0.
15. **Discussion on 2022 Budget**
Wiesmann - Working with Finance on Carry-Forwards
2022 closed under budget
16. **Discussion on 2023 Budget**
Wiesmann – Recruiting for five summer seasonal positions, recruitment notices have been posted
Three 1,000 hr positions are also available
17. **Historic Sites Commission Update(s)**
Gulig – working with Gerry Kokkonen to create an Intern Job Description, questioning how to find funding for a paid student internship.
No action taken.
18. **Discussion on agenda items for the next meeting**
Historic Sites Intern Process/Funding

19. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- April 6, 2023
- May 4, 2023
- June 1, 2023
- July 6, 2023
- August 3, 2023
- September 7, 2023

20. Adjourn

Gulig/Callan motion to adjourn at 9:44 am. Motion passes 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Truman
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