

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 6, 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, Richardson

Remote: Johns

Absent:

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

Others Present: Fuller

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Ward confirmed compliance

4. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved as written

5. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for March 2, 2023

Callan/Gulig motion to approve with the following edits:

- Richardson/Absent
- item 16, add "hour" after 1,000

Motion passes 5/0.

6. Communications

Wiesmann

- Graduate Student published excerpt on bumblebee and bumblebee habitat
- FROL Meeting Minutes
- FROL birdhouse workshop at the park shop
- Daily Union article on the Interurban PIM
- Volunteer flyer
- Group Paddle event w/City of Fort Atkinson

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 Friends of Rose Lake (FROL) Project Planting(s) at Dorothy Carnes Park

Wiesmann – Friends interested in demonstration planting plots (flowers/forbes/grasses) for bird habitat. No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on 2023 Stewardship Application Resolution for Interurban Trail Phase III

Wiesmann – County was awarded a Stewardship Grant for Phase III, to help with funding the trail section from Hwy F to the crossing of the Rock River. The department will submit a second application for the trail from the east side of the Rock River to the County Line. Application will be used to maximize funding and used as a match to the (potential) TAP application/award.

Gulig/Richardson motion to approve. Motion passes 5/0.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2023 Stewardship Application Resolution for Burnt Village Canoe/Kayak Launch Improvement**
Wiesmann – Burnt Village is small canoe/kayak/boat launch on the Bark River south of Fort Atkinson on Hwy N. The hope is to receive grant funding for a small pier and a canoe/kayak launch. \$15,000 was carried forward from 2022. The intent is to use the grant as the 50% match. Klement has been working on design/layout and acquiring quotes for the project.
Callan/Gulig 5/0
11. **Discussion and Updates on Flood Mitigation Property Spring Flooding Issues**
Wiesmann – BHI fishing pressure, as water rises over the river walls and covers the ground, the department is trying to restrict access and/or close access to the “properties”. The department has been working with the Sheriff’s Department on enforcement. Signage with property rules has been installed.
Ward – county owned property different status, Wharf = Park, Flood Mitigation Properties = different rules/regulations for each property related to funding sources.
Wehmeier/Wiesmann – planning process needs to happen in order to set strategies for acquisition and management.
Wehmeier – will work with county staff from other relevant departments to put together key considerations for planning.
No action taken.
12. **Discussion and Updates on Park and Trail Closures**
Wiesmann – Rock River Park, Cappies Landing, Hwy 16, and Know closed due to flooding.
13. **Discussion on Proposed Treatment of Spongy Moths at Indian Mounds County Park**
Wiesmann – additional land owners have asked to participate in the treatment application. Contractor is working on permitting.
No action taken.
14. **Discussion on Interurban Trail Phase III**
Wiesmann – Continuing to work with KL Engineering. Design/Engineering at 30%. Transportation Alternative Planning (80/20) Grant submitted, Stewardship (50/50) Grant application due May 1.
No action taken.
15. **Discussion on 2023 Summer Seasonal Position Vacancies**
Wiesmann – two summer seasonal positions are still available.
16. **Discussion on 2023 Budget**
Wiesmann – early in the year, nothing to report.
17. **Discussion on 2024 Budget Planning**
Wiesmann – 2024 Capital Requests included.
18. **Historic Sites Commission Update(s)**
The Historic Sites Commission meets April 12, 2023.
No updates.
19. **Discussion and Possible Action on Request for Funding Internship Position for Historic Sites Commission**
Gulig – working on position description, still searching for funding.

20. Discussion on Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

No request for agenda items.

21. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

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

22. Adjourn

Gulig/Callan motion to adjourn at 9:50. Motion passes 5/0.Teh