

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: Jefferson County Highway Department Committee Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764690750?pwd=TG9nUERZcnNRRVRoeHp5eHVZMVV1dz09>

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:

Absent: Johns

Staff: Wiesmann, Klement, Westphal, Wehmeier, Ward, Strupp (Land & Water), Luckey (Assistant to the Admin), Udovich

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Wehmeier certified compliance.

4. Approval of the agenda

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

5. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for August 3, 2023

Gulig/Richardson motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2023.

Motion passes 4/0.

6. Communications

Wiesmann – Garman memorial event Saturday, September 30, 2023. 2 Rivers donated all canoe/kayak equipment to the department. Added electricity and lighting to dog park. Intern in GIS department, improve parks maps. Completed installation of 2 snowmobile trail bridges.

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

Gulig – excellent Brew with A View.

8. Discussion on the Use of Personal Model Aircraft and Drones in the Jefferson County Parks

Wiesmann – spoke with Amy at Fair Park about offering space there.

Callan – would like to keep model aircraft out of County Parks.

Christensen – partially open to allowing.

Wiesmann – Ask Ward to come up with verbiage to not allow having space for the model aircraft in the parks.

Christensen – Not take an action

9. Discussion and possible action on amending the Jefferson County Parks Ordinance section 8.13. PARK AND TRAIL HOURS changing park and trail closed hours from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Christensen – Jaeckel wondering why Burnt Village was not included.

Wiesmann – Added that Burnt Village has a boat launch. Successful grant to improve launch at Burnt Village.

Wiesmann – parks open from 5 am to 10 pm with exception of boat launches allowed to be open after hours for egress.

Gulig/Callan motion to approve the park and trail hours of 5 am to 10 pm, with the exception of parks with boat launches to allow for boat egress after hours. Revised Ordinance going forward to County Board at the October County Board meeting.

Motion Passes 4/0

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

Wiesmann – Approached a donor to support diversity planting, donor interested in providing a gift of \$2,500 to match grant. Helping with prescribed burns, memorialized in a plaque.

Christensen/Richardson motion to adopt this resolution.

Motion passes 4/0

11. Update on Flood Mitigation Plan Request for Proposals

Wiesmann – have not put an RFP, make committee aware that we will be proposing proposal at next County Board Meeting.

12. Discussion and Update on Interurban Trail Project

Wiesmann – design and engineering continuing to move forward.

Udovich - been working with (TAP) coordinator.

Field Staff continues to mow shoulders.

WE Energies getting ready to send letters to the neighbors – discuss crossings. Had final meeting with WE Energies. Udovich – contacted DOT, not clear what funding timeline was. Meet with town of Ixonia, expressed some concerns to no parking signs.

2024 – Bridge

2025 – Trail

2026 – Waukesha County

13. Field Staff Update – JR Klement

Klement – Electric at dog park complete, storm damage clean-up, working on getting map signs ordered for Mountain Bike Trails.

Wehmeier – received thank you from City of Fort Atkinson for storm clean up.

14. Natural Resources and Forestry Update – Jared Toro

Jared unable to attend.

Wiesmann – Jared has been working on different plantings at Carlin Weld, Dorothy Carnes Park. Additional follow up with prescribed burns, additional coordination with fall events with prairie enthusiasts.

15. Rentals, Dog Tags, Boat Launch, and Special Use Agreements – Kelley

Totals as of September 7, 2023

Shelter Rentals: 130

Camping: 39 Carnes /32 Cappies

Dog Park: 1820 annual
Website completed
Dog Park Calendar
Fort HealthCare event

Boat Launches: 42 annual

16. Historic Sites: Update Gulig to update ordinance.

Callan next meeting is in October

17. Discussion on Parks July 2023 Budget

Wiesmann – Jones Lane has been pulverized and paved at Carnes Park east, came in over anticipated budget. Compressing budget for the rest of year.

18. Discussion on Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

None

19. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion on possible acquisition of Glacial Heritage Area Lake Mills Wildlife Area property

Christensen/Callan motion to convene into closed session at 9:54 am. Motion passes 4/0

Present: Christensen, Callan, Richardson, Gulig

Absent: Johns

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Westphal, Klement, Strupp, Wehmeier, Luckey, Ward

20. Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on closed session items

Christensen/Richardson motion to reconvene into open session at 10:50 am.

Motion passes 4/0

Present: Christensen, Callan, Richardson, Gulig

Absent: Johns

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Westphal, Klement, Strupp, Wehmeier, Luckey, Ward

Gulig/Richardson motion to continue negotiating purchase of property of Trieloff Property.

Motion passes 4/0

21. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

December 7, 2023

22. Adjourn

Gulig/Richardson motion to adjourn at 10:52 am.

Motion passes 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

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