

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes
Thursday, May 23, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Room: Courthouse C1021

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order

Wiesmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. Roll call (establish a quorum)

Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig, Turville-Heitz, Richardson (9:02 am)

Absent:

Remote:

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Klement, Wehmeier

Staff Remote: Udovich

Others: Robin Untz, Historic Sites Preservation Council/Town of Lake Mills; Tom Buechel (remote)

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Staff confirmed compliance.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved as written.

5. Administration Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for May 2, 2024

Gulig/Turville-Heitz motion to approve the Minutes for May 2, 2024.

Motion passes 4/0.

6. Communications

- Brew with A View to be held next week (May 30) at Korth Park.
- Light up the Night community bike ride, hosted by Jefferson County Parks, Partners, and Volunteers will be on September 7, 2024. This will be a night ride, with bicycles decorated in lights, for the community. Free helmets will be offered to children who pre-register.

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

N/A

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Lower Rock Lake Park Lane Boat Launch re-configuration, Town of Lake Mills

Wiesmann – TOLM refigure to increase/improve access and launch service. In-kind project, goal is re-use product.

Corey (engineer) noted that the launch concrete panels are uneven, there is metal banding that is separating, and the steel pilings are damaged – the goal is to refresh existing components. Trying to minimize impacts to the lake. Key components to re-use: large concrete abutments, trying to minimize grading in the lake. Would like to improve efficiency of the launch. Space is limited for trailer unloading/loading/turning. Widening space not an option. Lengthening the pavement 20' north (into the park proper) improves the ability to load/unload and enables a safer process. Difficult on a windy day to have an angled launch with prevailing wind, waves. Changing the grading underwater is also not feasible.

Tom Buechel (Town of Lake Mills, Chair) noted that the concern is pedestrian safety, and user safety. Gulig shared concerns about site lines with car/truck mirrors backing into the launch and mirrors not in-line, suggesting that this proposal will not solve the problem.

Turville-Heitz questioned possible ground compaction around trees.

Corey (engineer) noted that they will use asphalt, boulders, tree protection, dripline, and minimize impacts to trees.

Christensen questioned restricting vehicle/trailer length.

Buechel stressed the crew is trying to minimize costs.

Wiesmann stated that the County owns the parking lot (north of Hwy B), and the Lower Rock Lake Park space (south of Hwy B) and, the Town of Lake Mills owns the boat launch. The Township keeps launch fees (restricted to launch improvements).

Richardson/Gulig motion to allow the Town of Lake Mills to redesign the boat launch, and to allow the launch/vehicle-trailer area to extend an additional 20 feet north into the Lower Rock Lake Park. Motion passes 5/0.

9. Discussion on Parks 2024 Budget

No discussion/no action taken.

10. Discussion on Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Tour follow-up

ATV/UTV County Map

11. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule (4th Thursday, Monthly @ 10:30 AM)

- June 27, 2024
- July 25, 2024
- August 22, 2024
- September 26, 2024

12. Jefferson County Park Tour:

Committee members toured the following sites. No action taken.

- Interurban Bike Trail County Hwy F Bridge Construction Site
- Kanow County Park
- Korth County Park Connector Trail
- Trieloff Property

13. Adjourn

Callan/Turville-Heitz motion to adjourn at 11:40. Motion passes 3/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Truman

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