

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
June 2, 2008 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Amy Kramer, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Borland at 8:30a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass Others present: Nehmer, Schmeling, Petre, Heling, Cicero, Stanger. Oostdik Absent: Babcock

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance

4. Introduction of Steve Nass, New Committee member

5. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

6. Minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting

Motion to approve the June 2, 2008 minutes Kramer/Borland, carried 3-0, Nass abstained

7. Public Comment

Hope Oostdik commented on the Volunteer Coordinator Position and how beneficial this job is to educating the public on the use of our County Parks and hopes the position will be reinstated.

8. Discussion and possible decision on Geocaching in Jefferson County Parks

Nehmer discussed the activity of Geocaching in the parks and how it is becoming very popular and should we have a written policy on how and where this activity can be allowed in our parks. The department will look into how other counties are handling the activity.

9. Discussion and possible decision on dogs in Dorothy Carnes County Park

Nehmer has had a request to put a sign up in the Kiosk explaining the harm

dogs do running wild regarding ground nesting birds. All parks with the exception of the dog park require dogs be on a 6 foot leash and dog walkers are not complying with the rules. Dorothy Carnes County Park being a State Natural Area, the question of not allowing dogs in the park maybe a good alternative, or not allowing them in the park during nesting season. The committee suggested to make sure the signs are visible to the public and maybe look into installing a few larger signs at the entrance and throughout the park.

10. Discussion and possible decision on hosting the Annual County Board Picnic

Nehmer reported the County Board Chair has contacted the office inquiring about the possibility of the annual picnic being held at the new Korth Park Pavilion. the construction should be complete by late summer and the committee decided to tentatively schedule the picnic for September 16th or 15th, preferably the 16th.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Rock Lake Parking Lot Reconstruction

Nehmer reported we have recently been informed that the County can expect an \$80,000 Wisconsin Waterways Commission Grant through the Department of Natural Resources. Cicero reported we haven't received anything in writing yet. The Town of Lake Mills applied for this grant with our cooperation. The grant application was turned down 3 times before being approved. The monies were not budgeted in 2008 because the county felt it would not get the grant. Now since the grant has been approved at a lower sum we will need to get funding for \$42,000 from the county contingency fund.

Motion to request funding from the contingency from the Finance Committee for the County's balance for the parking lot project contingent on finding out the life span of the grant money availability. Nass/Kramer – carried 4-0

12. Discussion on Busseyville Park transfer to the Town of Sumner

Nehmer reported all deed paperwork is completed and anticipates he will have the agreement in place with the Town of Sumner to accept Busseyville Park for the County Boards consideration next week.

Motion to transfer Busseyville Park to the Town of Sumner upon approval by the County board. Nass/Kramer – carried 4-0

13. Capital Projects prioritization

Nehmer presented a list of project prioritizations for park projects, their cost, anticipated completion date and funds presently available for the projects.

14. Discuss current park projects and operations

No comments, report was submitted in packets.

15. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Nehmer reported the May meeting was held at the Courthouse and well attended by about 25 people. The goal at this meeting was to finalize project boundaries around pearls and corridors connecting Lake Mills with Waterloo and how do we connect the Faville Road Sanctuary and how do you interface with the Crawfish River. The project is moving ahead and the last I was told it should go to the Natural Resources Board in January.

16. Correspondence

Nehmer commented on phone conversation with Hope Oostdik that she expressed how pleased she and her neighbors were that the pavilion was finally being built at Korth Park.

17. Set tentative next meeting date/time: July 14, 2008, 8:30am – Room 202

18. Set date for September Committee Meeting (Labor Day Weekend)

Nehmer pointed out our scheduled meeting for September 1, 2008 needed to be rescheduled due to the holiday.

**Motion to schedule meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 1:00pm
Nass/Kramer – carried 4-0**

19. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S19.85 (1)(E),
STATUTES, for the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of
public properties

20. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on the items discussed in
closed session

21. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:24 Nass/Kramer – carried 4-0