

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
July 14, 2008 @ 8:30 a.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 8:33 a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Milbrath, David, Kelly, Perkins
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Minutes of the May 16, 2008 and June 2, 2008 meetings

**Motion to approve the May 16, 2008 and June 2, 2008 minutes
Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 5-0**

6. Public Comment – None
7. Park Committee/Highway Committee Bicycle Plan Coordination – Greg David

Supervisor David gave a presentation on how bike trails are becoming a major form of transportation in our county and how departments of government need to come together regarding bike planning throughout the county and state in order to develop our bike trails. There is a need to have the cities, towns, Highway Department, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Glacial Heritage representatives, Economic Development, bike clubs, and our public involved in this planning process. We need to include all these resources in our bicycle planning to make it a successful mode of transportation in our county. David suggested we need to start getting all these resources together and start with planning now because there is no way if we don't come together that this will be a successful venture. Nass commented he will put this on the agenda, for the Administrative and Rules Committee meeting which will meet on July 28, 2008 and present this proposal.

8. Sheriff's Department – Dog Park Enforcement – Paul Milbrath, Pat Brown

Milbrath discussed Law Enforcement activity out at the Dog Park and noted that due to the wet spring followed by the flooding, activity at the park is down, but noticeably increasing. The funds given to the Sheriff's Department in 2007 is depleted and the question was asked if the Park Committee wants to continue with enforcement at the dog park?

Motion to continue with enforcement by the Sheriff's Department and to contribute \$2,500.00 for continuing surveillance at the Dog Park Babcock/Nass, carried 5-0

9. Request for wedding at Mason Farm in 2009 – Cynthia Holt

The request by Cynthia Holt to have her wedding out at the Mason Farm was revisited. The committee is in agreement that it would not be safe to use any of the buildings at the farm and the Parks Department will not spend any money to accommodate them since the park is in the master planning stages.

Motion to allow Ms Holt to have the ceremony at the Mason Farm and have the reception at Dorothy Carnes Park Kuhlman/Kramer, carried 5-0

10. Discuss 2009 Budget

Nehmer discussed the preliminary budget needs for the 2009 Budget, discussing the Capital Projects Prioritization and asked for further comment from the committee. The committee suggested prioritizing projects that are safety issues first and then work from that point.

11. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Nehmer presented an update on the Glacial Heritage Area meeting. The meeting for next month is being pushed back due to scheduling. At the next meeting the DNR will present an overall draft plan putting all the different components and goals together so we can all see how they will fit together.

12. Park Signing Update

Nehmer gave an update on the meeting that was held on park signing and asked for input from the committee. The committee requested the park signs be similar in design since some would be small and some would be quite large in structure and would like to see the Burr Oak Logo or County Logo and also leave a spot

for a Glacial Heritage Logo when it is designed on the signs. The committee also requested routed signs rather than painted wording. Nehmer will report back to the committee as the project goes along.

13. Update on Carnes Park Master Planning Process

Nehmer reported on the meeting regarding Carnes Park Master Planning Process, minutes included in packet, and felt they have recruited people from all walks of life to help in the planning process.

14. Correspondence

Nehmer reported on Bike/Pedestrian Plan donation from the City of Waterloo, also a thank you note from the Boy Scouts thanking us for furnishing them with maps for the bike routes in Jefferson County. Also noted to the committee a reduction in mowing at some of the parks to save on gas, and reported on parks still closed from the flooding. Borland commented on a problem that was brought to his attention at Upper Rock Lake Park regarding mold on the shelter roof and asked the parks maintenance to take a look at it.

15. Set tentative next meeting date/time: August 11, 2008, 1:00pm – Room 202

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

a. Roll Call – Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass
Others present: Nehmer, Stanger

Motion to enter into closed session at 10:35 a.m. Babcock/Kramer, carried 5-0

b. To confer on deliberation or negotiating the purchase of public properties.

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

Motion to reconvene into open session at 10:45 a.m. Kramer/Kuhlman, carried 5-0

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Kramer/Kuhlman, carried 5-0

