

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
October 6, 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 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Kramer, Nass. Absent: Babcock, Kuhlman. Others present: Nehmer, Schmeling, Ristow, Towers-MacAskill, Novitzke, Milbrath

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting

**Motion to approve the September 2, 2008 minutes Nass/Kramer,
carried 3-0**

6. Public Comment - None

7. Terri Tinsley Dog Exercise Area enforcement – Sheriff's Department

A letter from a concerned dog park patron was discussed with her concerns regarding visitors not abiding by rules, not using proper size areas for their dogs and not paying fees for the use of the park. It was determined the enforcement will need to be stepped up and will look for alternative organizations to help with enforcement.

8. Travel Green Wisconsin – Gail Towers MacAskill

Towers MacAskill gave a brief talk on the purpose and goals of "Travel Green Wisconsin" an outreach project of the Department of Tourism. Travel Green is now partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on a joint marketing project called "Nature is Our Business". Jefferson County has been picked as a pilot area for this project due to several factors including local non-profit partnerships and the Glacial Heritage Area designation. The primary marketing focus will be to communicate the integrated partnership activities and opportunities of governmental, recreation, tourism and business interests in the

Jefferson County area to the mass public through written content on the web and in print media.

9. Rock Lake County Park Parking Lot project re-bid opening results and potential recommendation to County Board

Hoelt presented the re-bids for the Rock Lake County Park Parking lot.

Motion to accept B. R. Amon & Sons bid and the Parks Director is authorized to approve change orders up to the total amount of funds remaining to complete items that were removed from the original bid to bring the project cost below the amount of funds available. Nass/Kramer, carried 3-0.

10. Discussion and possible action on potential impacts of American Transmission Company's planned power line adjacent to Upper Rock Lake County Park

Hoelt reported a significant number of trees and brush have been marked for removal by the American Transmission Company, primarily between the north side of the park and I 94. He noted we will be compensated by the company for the removal of these trees and shrubs for new species to re-establish the area with species that will not interfere with their tower and lines.

11. Discussion and possible decision on new Korth Park Shelter fees.

Park fees for the new Korth Park Shelter were discussed. Fair Park Director, Novitzke discussed caterers used at the Fair Park and the fees they pay.

**Motion to charge: \$100.00 for the shelter
Plus: \$ 50.00 additional for over 100 people
Deposit: \$ 50.00 for over 100 people (Refundable)**

**Kitchen: \$ 75.00 (No caterer)
\$ 50.00 (With caterer that meets staff criteria plus
10% of gross sales)
Deposit: \$100.00 (Refundable)**

Nass/Kramer, carried 2-1 (Borland objected)

12. 2009 budget process and status report

Nehmer went over 2009 budget and status report.

13. Update on Dorothy Carnes County Park Master Planning Process

Kramer reported the committee looked at areas in the park and what could be done in those areas regarding grant restrictions, since the park is a nature based park. Nehmer reported there are 81 acres of non-restricted land at the Mason Farm area and there is plenty of opportunity for planning. It is a big area in the park.

14. Parks update

Hoefl reported on the paving of the Glacial River Trail. Paving is completed south of the Allen Creek to the end of the project. North of Allen Creek will be completed after the Enbridge Pipeline is completed.

15. Correspondence

a. Modern Woodman tree donation

Nehmer acknowledged a donation of \$250.00 from the organization for trees at the dog park. Three Black Hill Spruce were planted with the donation.

b. Watertown Daily Times, Tuesday, September 3, 2008 Korth Park Shelter article

c. Jim Welch correspondence – Natural Heritage Land Trust

16. Set tentative next meeting date/time: November 3, 2008, 1:00pm – Room 202

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

Motion to convene into closed session at 2:30 p.m. Nass/Kramer, carried 3-0.

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

Motion to reconvene in open session at 2:43 p.m. Nass/Kramer, carried 3-0.

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:44 pm Nass/Kramer, carried 3-0.

