

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202

February 5, 2008 @ 8:30 a.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Amy Kramer, Rick Kuhlman, John Molinaro

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Molinaro at 8:35a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Molinaro. Others present were: Nehmer, Ristow, Petre, Sumpter, Stanger, Brown, Milbrath, Hoeft, Klotz, MacAskill, Durbin, Korth, Johnson. Absent: Chairman Borland

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting

Motion to approve January 8, 2008 minutes. Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 4-0

6. Public Comment – Dave Korth, Gary Petre

Korth commented on his family's ideas for a display depicting the history of the Korth property at the Korth Shelter that is being built at Korth Park

Petre introduced Paula Sumpter, the new Management Analyst's for Jefferson County

7. Law Enforcement County Parks (Sheriff Milbrath – Captain Brown)

Milbrath reported park activity has been quiet and they are still researching camera systems and will report back to us when they get all the information they are waiting for.

8. Discussion and possible decision on 2007 Dog Park allocation – Captain Brown

Brown reported we have an \$800.00 carryover from 2007 for patrolling at the dog park and what would we want done with the carryover? Nehmer stated it will be put on Finance Agenda to carry forward for the 2008 budget. Molinaro asked if they have looked into having a Park Ranger? Brown will talk this over with the Sheriff and report back to the committee.

9. Presentation of interpretive exhibits for Jefferson County Parks – Jeff Durbin

Durbin, from Exhibit Writing and Exhibit Design gave a brief talk on his company and his experience as an exhibit writer.

10. Review and possible decision on Bike Plan update initiative

Nehmer reported they are still waiting to hear from a few private entities on donations for the funding and will report back at March meeting with an update.

11. Update on Jefferson County Endowment initiative

Nehmer reported on progress of various groups interested in establishing an endowment for parks in Jefferson County. He will keep us updated on the progress as it becomes available to him.

12. Korth Shelter bidding update – Steve Hoeft

Hoeft reported bids are in for the pole building sale and will be awarded shortly. Nehmer contacted Friends of Korth Park and asked if they are interested in restoring the windmill out at Korth Park and they are looking into the feasibility of restoring it. Also, Molinaro stated concerns about the Ash Tree near where the shelter will be built have come to his attention. Kuhlman asked if this would change or alter anything with the building of the shelter. Hoeft reported he is looking into the problem with the Ash Tree and will report back at the March meeting.

13. Discussion and possible decision on Terri Tinsley Dog Exercise Area Development Plan – Steve Hoeft

Hoeft reported forestry work is being done and fence from the Elk Farm will be reused for fencing, and he is researching the restrooms at the upper parking lot pass through which were included in the Master Plan as to where they will be built. We are looking at building 4 unisex restrooms instead of one large main restroom; the committee is agreement with this.

14. Discuss current park projects and operations

Hoeft reported snow removal has been their main project. They are also grooming 6 different runs for cross country skiing with their new ATV which has grooming capabilities.

15. Discussion and possible action on Fox Lane concerns near Garman Nature Preserve

Nehmer reported the City of Waterloo has let him know that they are interested in sitting down with Jefferson County and the neighbors of Fox Lane to work out the problems with the Fox Lane Road. Nehmer will keep us updated on the negotiations.

16. Peggy Sundquist, Volunteer Coordinator – Report on recent volunteer activities within the Jefferson County Park System

Sundquist reported on 2007 Volunteer Hours which were 671.25 hours, 2006 we had 418.5 hours, which included a various of activities such as prairie weeding, thistle pulling, mustard pulling and many park clean ups. Also, presented a list of activities and press releases she as completed that has been scheduled for 2008.

17. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Molinaro reported no meeting was scheduled for February. Molinaro reported they are working on the Glacial Drumlin Connections, the path from Cambridge to hook up with the Glacial Heritage Trail in Lake Mills. Consultants were hired and they have come up with three different routes. Molinaro, Nehmer and a group of people consisting of DNR, Dane County and Jefferson County toured the 3 routes to see actually what the consultants were talking about. The major problem is crossing Hwy 18 and Hwy 12 with concerns about the traffic. Molinaro also stated some private parties are interested in helping fund a bridge over Kowhkonong Creek in Cambridge for the trail. He noted this is all in the planning stages and will keep us abreast of the progress that is being made, they are also working on the water trails on Koshkonong Creek on the areas of putting and taking out of water craft such as canoes and kayaks.

18. Jefferson County: The Official Guide presentation – Supervisor MacAskill

MacAskill presented the final mark up of the insert for The Official Guide. MacAskill stated the guide will go to the printer on February 14th and she will have copies for us in March. The guide will make its debut at the Governors Conference on Tourism at Lake Geneva the first week of March.

19. Correspondence – None

20. 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 – Babcock, Kuhlman, Kramer, Molinaro
Others present: Nehmer, Ristow, Stanger, Klotz, Hoelt

Motion to enter into closed session at 10:40 a.m. Kuhlman/Molinaro – carried 4-0

- b. To confer with Legal Counsel for the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchase of public properties.

Motion to reconvene into open session at 10:45 a.m. Kuhlman/Molinaro – carried 4-0

19. Set tentative next meeting date/time: March 4, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – Room 202

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Kuhlman/Kramer – Carried 4-0