

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
January 8, 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 Borland at 8:35a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Molinaro. Others present were: Nehmer, Ristow, Schmeling, Petre, Stanger, Brown, Milbrath, Kline, McKenzie, Dallman, Hoeft, Heling, MacAskill, David, Duesterhoeft
Schmeling left at 10:15a.m.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting

Motion to approve December 4, 2007 minutes. Babcock/ Kuhlman, carried 5-0

6. Public Comment – None

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

Milbrath introduced Captain Brown who has rotated into the patrol captain position. Milbrath stated they are looking at extra enforcement in some of the parks as the weather starts to warm up, and will be getting the JCEC involved in park patrol as well. Milbrath reported they are still looking into camera systems that could be installed in some of the parks and will report back when he receives more information.

8. Request for participation in the Jefferson County: The Official Guide – discussion and possible decision – Yvonne Duesterhoeft

Duesterhoeft and MacAskill gave a presentation on The Official Guide and suggested Jefferson County possibly going into partnership with the Tourism Council and printing a 32 page editorial in the new guide. It was determined along with the Tourism Council, Nehmer and Sundquist would spend some of their time writing the editorial involving the Jefferson County Parks.

Motion to support the effort and to allow Nehmer and Sundquist to spend some of their time Involved in this project and ask Finance Committee for \$11,000 to fund this project. Molinaro/Babcock, carried 4-1 Kuhlman opposing

9. Status report on the UW-Madison Department of Landscape Architecture Senior Thesis Project – Steve Grabow

Grabow gave an update on the UW-Madison Department of Landscape Architecture Senior Thesis Project. Grabow explained Becky Folgert, a Senior at UW-Madison who is working on the project is going to be working on a paddling master plan, the best places to put in and take out canoes and

- kayaks, and refining some of the bike trail planning on the Glacial Heritage Area and focusing on the priority segments for starting on the Cambridge to Glacial Drumlin Trail.
10. Discussion and possible action on Jefferson County Bicycle Plan funding

Nehmer gave an update on funds received to finance the new Jefferson County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, he stated they are still waiting to hear from some private sources. So far \$40,000 has been committed and the goal is \$50,000 to develop the plan. Petre suggested staff could start working on the RFQ (Request for Quote) and at least get an idea of which project components could be included. Nehmer will report on progress in funds at February 5, 2008 meeting.
 11. Discuss and possible action on proposal to do interpretive exhibits for Jefferson County by Jeff Durbin

Nehmer discussed the request by Durbin to do interpretive signs for Jefferson County Parks; he has worked on the state and national level doing interpretive signs. Borland requested we invite him to our February 5, 2008 meeting and give a presentation of his work.
 12. Discussion and possible action on the Jefferson County Highway Department possibly assisting with grading and excavating associated with the Korth Park Shelter

Nehmer stated he spoke with Petre on the Highway Department possibly assisting with grading and excavating associated with the Korth Park project, and also spoke with the Highway Commissioner. The commissioner stated they are willing to help in any way they can. A discussion on where the funds would come from, the Korth Park project fund or the Highway Fund.

Motion to have a 50/50 split on the cost, not to exceed \$30,000. \$15,000 from the Korth Project Fund and \$15,000 from the Highway Fund. Molinaro/Kuhlman, carried 5-0
 13. Update on water issue at Park Lane Road and Rock Lake County Park

Nehmer reported on the water issue at Park Lane Road and Rock Lake County Park as discussed at the January meeting. Last week he met with Cicero, Hoeft and Drew Zelle, an Engineer with the Department of Agriculture met to explore opportunities and comment. Zelle was informed that the park was an old dump site, his comment was he would not touch it and his comment for us don't touch it and don't take water into it. Hoeft suggested that they need to look into options out there; catch basins and gutters. There are multiple options out there that would not take water into the park. Borland suggested meeting with the Town of Lake Mills and working out a solution.
 14. Discuss current park projects and operations

Steve reported they had an excellent run on the snowmobile trails so far this year and are closed at this time. Dallman reported on cross country ski trail grooming at several parks. Forestry projects will start up when weather permitting. Hoeft reported he is working on bid plans for the Korth project, dog park development, Garman forestry and trail development and will start as weather permits.
 15. Discussion and possible action on Fox Lane concerns near Garman Nature Preserve

Ristow discussed options of what can be done on Fox Lane which a private road is serving Garman Nature Preserve and 3 homeowners. The road is gravel and washes down into city streets; the road is not wide enough to put in a city street at this time. If the road is paved it will have to be maintained on a regular basis because of water running off the sides of the road and who will do the maintenance such as snowplowing. Nehmer stated he tried to get in touch with the city to have

representation at today's meeting but was unsuccessful. Ristow stated that some time in the near future there needs to be a solution to this matter. Nehmer suggested they will have to sit down with the City of Waterloo and the property owners on Fox Lane and work out a solution.

16. Discussion and possible decision on replacing the Carol Liddle plaque

Dallman discussed the replacement of the Carol Liddle plaque, which was stolen, he did some research on replacement type plaques and it was decided to replace the plaque with the same type of material that was originally used.

Motion to replace the plaque with granite as was originally used and do our best to secure the plaque. Molinaro/Kuhlman, carried 5-0

17. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Nehmer reported they are starting to put some effort towards defining equestrian trails, hiking trails and camping. One of the biggest issues is the great division within the Department of Natural Resources is the concept of utilizing their wildlife areas as an important component to the Glacial Heritage Area. The wildlife areas, park and recreational areas remain to be worked out.

18. Correspondence - None

19. Set tentative next meeting date/time: February 5, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – Room 202

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Kuhlman/Babcock – Carried 5-0