

Parks Committee Agenda
Jefferson County

Date: Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: Courthouse C1021

Committee Members: Joan Callan, Walt Christensen, Anthony Gulig, Jeff Johns, Cassie Richardson

Videoconference OR

Jefferson County Courthouse Room C1021

311 South Center Ave.

Jefferson, WI 53549

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of Parks Committee Minutes for October 5, 2023
6. Communications
7. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Dog Park Fence RFP
9. Discussion and Update on Interurban Trail Project
10. Field Staff Update – Klement
11. Admin Staff Update – Truman
12. Natural Resources and Forestry Update - Toro
13. Park Shelter Rentals, Dog Tags, Boat Launch, and Special Use Agreements – Westphal
14. Historic Sites: Update
15. Discussion on Parks September 2023 Budget
16. Discussion on Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
17. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule
 - December 7, 2023
 - January 4, 2024
 - February 8, 2024 (First Thursday is WPRA Annual Conference)
18. Adjourn

A Quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jefferson County Parks Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: Jefferson County Highway Department Committee Room

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order

Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll call (establish a quorum)

Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig, Johns, Richardson (9:05 am)

Remote:

Absent:

Staff: Wiesmann, Truman, Westphal, Wehmeier, Ward, Thompson, Udovich, Luckey (remote)

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Wehmeier certified compliance.

4. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved as written.

5. Approval of minutes from the September 7, 2023 meeting

Gulig/Callan motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion passes 4/0.

6. Communications

Wiesmann – noted there was a Ma, Paws & Me Annual Event at the dog park, as well as the Annual Corgi Picnic at the Dog Park.

7. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)

No public comment

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Interurban Trail Culvert Replacement Bids

Wiesmann noted that there was a bid opening for a culvert replacement on the Interurban Trail which will be a joint project with We Energies. Four bids were submitted. Low bid submitted by Wanasek Corp (partners with We Energies). Completion is anticipated in 2023.

Callan/Gulig motion to approve the low bid. Motion passes 5/0.

9. Discussion and Update on Interurban Trail Project

Wiesmann – We Energies has mailed letters to the adjoining property owners regarding deeded access to cross the trail with farm and motorized equipment.

Goal for completion of engineering documents and bid documents for the Phase III bridge is December, 2023 – January, 2024.

No action taken.

10. Field Staff Update – Klement

Klement not in attendance.

Wiesmann noted

- a. crews have been mowing
- b. Memorial Benches were placed @ Dorothy Carnes Park (three benches donated by Friends of Rose Lake & one bench donated in memory of Mary Linton)
- c. Flood Mitigation Property continued management complications

11. Admin Staff Update – Truman

Truman noted that the 2024 Dog Park Calendars have been completed and are for sale.

Truman also noted that she has submitted several Snowmobile Grant Reimbursement Requests.

12. Natural Resources and Forestry Update – Toro

Toro not in attendance

Wiesmann noted that Toro is working diligently on native ecosystem restorations – Garman, Carlin Weld, Dorothy Carnes Park

13. Park Shelter Rentals, Dog Tags, Boat Launch, and Special Use Agreements – Westphal

Westphal noted that shelter reservations and annual dog park tag requests continue for this year.

14. Historic Sites: Update

Gulig – met with Patricia Cicero on a joint project at Potter’s Field to delineate gravesites.

15. Discussion on Parks August, 2023 Budget

Wiesmann – budget on track

16. Discussion on Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

No requests made

17. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion on possible acquisition of Glacial Heritage Area Lake Mills Wildlife Area property and Glacial Heritage Area North Shore Moraine Property

Christensen/Gulig to convene in closed session at 9:25 am.

Motion passes by roll-call vote 5/0.

Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig, Johns, Richardson

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Truman, Westphal, Ward, Thompson, Wehmeier, Luckey (remote),

Udovich (remote)

18. Reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action on closed session items

Johns/Gulig to reconvene in open session at 9:40 am.

Motion passes by roll-call vote 5/0.

Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig, Johns, Richardson

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Truman, Westphal, Ward, Thompson, Wehmeier, Luckey (remote),
Udovich (remote)

No action taken

19. Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- November 2, 2023
- December 7, 2023
- January 4, 2024

20. Adjourn

Gulig/Johns motion to adjourn at 9:41 am.

Motion passes 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Truman, ADV. Program Assistant

DOROTHY CARNES EAST
OCTOBER, 2023



From: [Rolland Klement \(J.R.\)](#)
To: [Kevin Wiesmann](#)
Subject: FW: College update: Junior Year
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:53:25 AM

Could we please add this in the notes for parks committee? I feel this highlights our full-time staff and our seasonal staff efforts to teach these young kids for there future. This is what its all about for me!!!

From: Laura Traver <laura.traver31@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Rolland Klement (J.R.) <RollandK@jeffersoncountywi.gov>
Subject: College update: Junior Year

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Hello, JR and Parks staff!

I want to thank you so much for the opportunity to work for the Jefferson County Parks, if it wasn't for the opportunity I don't think I would be where I am in my studies after learning so much from you and the rest of the crew.

I really appreciate the positive work environment, the focus on safety, and the ability to learn so many new skills that I've used weekly in the last few weeks. I'm running Stewardship workdays and events where I've led groups of student volunteers in removing invasive buckthorn or doing seed collection. I've also been a part of a restoration field techniques class this semester, where I worked with chainsaws, brush saws, and chainsaws.

This summer I was at the UWSP Summer Field Experience where I went to Treehaven, a camp run by the university near Tomahawk and Rhinelander, Wisconsin. While there, I gained experience in a lot of different skills in different natural resource fields, such as Electroshocking for fish, Log scaling, small mammal trapping and Pebble counts (to measure stream sediment) and digging a soil pit. While there, I got to go on my first prescribed burn! I'll attach some photos because we burned at night, so the photos are really cool. This semester, I was elected President of SER so in addition to running the club meetings, I'm now working part time in the Tutoring and Learning Center as a natural resources tutor. Where I've continued to gain an appreciation for the educational side of forest management and ecology. I've also added a Soil minor as well as the Environmental Ethics certificate to my graduation plan.

I just wanted to thank you again for the impact you've made on my life and I hope you continue to inspire others.

Thank you!

Laura Traver

GLACIAL RIVER BIKE TRAIL @ FARMCO LANE
September 23, 2023 → October 23, 2023

	Pedestrian	Pedestrian IN	Pedestrian OUT		Cyclist	Cyclist IN	Cyclist OUT
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	218	119	99		197	98	99
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	123	67	56		123	59	64
Thursday, October 12, 2023	27	15	12		496	250	246
Friday, October 13, 2023	6	5	1		307	157	150
Saturday, October 14, 2023	36	19	17		104	53	51
Sunday, October 15, 2023	72	39	33		73	37	36
Monday, October 16, 2023	79	50	29		335	172	163
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	117	58	59		257	130	127
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	58	31	27		407	206	201
Thursday, October 19, 2023	66	38	28		155	79	76
Friday, October 20, 2023	74	41	33		666	336	330
Saturday, October 21, 2023	51	28	23		744	375	369
Sunday, October 22, 2023	72	35	37		66	33	33
Monday, October 23, 2023	49	24	25		319	162	157

9/2023 - EXPENSES

ORG DESC	ORIGINAL	TRANSFERRED	REVISED	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE
Altpeter County Park	8.00	-	8.00	5.40	-	2.60
Bike Trails	125.00	4,315.00	4,440.00	144,691.14	-	(305,820.91)
Blackhawk Island Fishing Wharf	-	-	-	420.00	-	(420.00)
Boat Launches	-	1,588.00	1,588.00	3,382.68	-	(1,794.42)
Burnt Village Hist Site & Lauc	15.00	15,000.00	15,015.00	818.66	-	(10,634.66)
Cappies Landing	13.00	-	13.00	650.28	-	(637.28)
Carlin Weld Park Trust	-	4,524.00	4,524.00	1,113.27	-	3,410.44
Carnes Park Development	226,100.00	81,171.00	307,270.00	65,977.83	-	241,292.60
Carol Liddle Fund	-	60,001.00	60,001.00	-	-	60,001.38
Cold Spring Creamery	36.00	-	36.00	2,800.83	-	(2,764.83)
Crawfish River Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog Park	106,156.00	21,940.00	128,096.00	87,807.62	-	40,289.71
Flood Mitigation Prop Maint	-	35,000.00	35,000.00	3,964.51	-	31,035.49
Garman Nature Preserve	50,597.00	(5,662.00)	44,935.00	8,445.15	-	8,839.78
Glacial Heritage Development	-	19,436.00	19,436.00	4,674.00	-	14,762.42
Grounds Keeping	80,293.00	-	80,293.00	9,370.98	-	70,921.86
Hwy 16 Landing	-	-	-	160.00	-	(160.00)
Hwy K Wayside	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Mounds Park	10.00	-	10.00	7.29	-	2.71
Joy County Park	2.00	-	2.00	1.62	-	0.38
Kanow County Park	15,104.00	-	15,104.00	582.68	-	14,521.32
Korth Park Development	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	3,171.62	-	16,828.38
Parks Building	24,727.00	-	24,727.00	19,927.05	-	4,799.95
Parks Department	998,085.00	262,802.00	1,260,887.00	754,506.55	-	506,381.40
Pohlman County Park	80.00	-	80.00	56.97	-	23.03
Rock Lake County Park	254.00	859.00	1,113.00	5,311.09	-	(4,197.79)
Rock River County Park	69.00	-	69.00	49.32	-	19.68
Rome Pond County Park	66.00	-	66.00	82.34	-	(16.34)
Snowmobile Trails	124,320.00	-	124,320.00	136,263.19	-	(16,468.19)
Welcome Travelers County Park	80.00	-	80.00	232.15	-	(152.15)
TOTAL:	1,626,140.00	520,974.00	2,147,113.00	1,254,474.22	-	670,066.56

9/2023 - REVENUE

ORG DESC	ORIGINAL	TRANSFERRED	REVISED	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE
Altpeter County Park	(8.00)	-	(8.00)	(6.03)	-	(1.97)
Bike Trails	(125.00)	-	(125.00)	(24,347.48)	-	24,222.48
Blackhawk Island Fishing Wharf	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boat Launches	-	-	-	(2,031.55)	-	2,031.55
Burnt Village Hist Site & Lauc	(15.00)	-	(15.00)	(11.25)	-	(3.75)
Cappies Landing	(13.00)	-	(13.00)	(769.04)	-	756.04
Carlin Weld Park Trust	-	-	-	(904.49)	-	904.49
Carnes Park Development	(23,560.00)	-	(23,560.00)	(18,006.83)	-	(5,553.17)
Carol Liddle Fund	-	-	-	(3,282.00)	-	3,282.00
Cold Spring Creamery	(36.00)	-	(36.00)	(27.00)	-	(9.00)
Crawfish River Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog Park	(50,700.00)	-	(50,700.00)	(29,144.53)	-	(21,555.47)
Flood Mitigation Prop Maint	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garman Nature Preserve	(40,000.00)	-	(40,000.00)	(37,073.94)	-	(2,926.06)
Glacial Heritage Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grounds Keeping	(80,294.00)	-	(80,294.00)	(46,301.41)	-	(33,991.43)
Hwy 16 Landing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hwy K Wayside	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Mounds Park	(10.00)	-	(10.00)	(7.47)	-	(2.53)
Joy County Park	(2.00)	-	(2.00)	(1.53)	-	(0.47)
Kanow County Park	(15,104.00)	-	(15,104.00)	(5,774.12)	-	(9,329.88)
Korth Park Development	-	-	-	(16,668.80)	-	16,668.80
Parks Building	(24,727.00)	-	(24,727.00)	(17,795.25)	-	(6,931.75)
Parks Department	(998,086.00)	-	(998,086.00)	(755,350.46)	-	(242,735.20)
Pohlman County Park	(80.00)	-	(80.00)	(60.03)	-	(19.97)
Rock Lake County Park	(254.00)	-	(254.00)	(721.33)	-	467.33
Rock River County Park	(69.00)	-	(69.00)	(172.49)	-	103.49
Rome Pond County Park	(66.00)	-	(66.00)	(96.89)	-	30.89
Snowmobile Trails	(124,320.00)	-	(124,320.00)	-	-	(124,320.00)
Welcome Travelers County Park	(80.00)	-	(80.00)	(99.49)	-	19.49
TOTAL:	(1,357,549.00)	-	(1,357,549.00)	(958,653.41)	-	(398,894.09)

50 Best Dog Parks Across the U.S.

By [Marcia Kester Doyle](#), updated on May 12, 2022

[louiethebrittany/Instagram](#)

In Berkeley, California, the Ohlone Dog Park was the first of its kind, created in 1979 by Martha Scott and Doris Richards. Since that time, dog parks have become one of the fastest-growing amenities in the U.S. Recognizing the need to provide a safe space for dogs to exercise off-leash, these parks have been popping up in major cities and rural areas as a way for owners to spend quality time with their pets and to teach them how to socialize with other breeds.

Every dog owner knows the benefits of giving their dog plenty of playtime in a safe space. But what qualifies as a good dog park? Cleanliness and large spaces to run are among the top priorities, along with vigilant dog owners who supervise their pets. Fencing and separate areas for large and small breeds are a must for safety reasons, and plenty of water fountains, doggy poop bag dispensers and shade are also at the top of the list.

With all of that in mind, these are the absolute best dog parks in every state.

Wisconsin: Terry Tinsley Dog Park

Gabrielle Rose/Facebook

Location: Johnson Creek

The Terry Tinsley Park is 109 acres, with 23 acres allotted to the dog exercise area. This part includes four fenced-in sections (two for large dogs, two for small dogs), wooded trails, rolling hills, picnic tables and multiple exercise areas.

There's a low annual fee to join the park, but the locals say it's worth every penny for their pooches.

Where to stay: [Days Inn by Wyndham Johnson Creek](#)

Book a flight

Rent a car

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