

Parks Committee Minutes
Jefferson County
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549

Date: Monday, June 6, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Committee members: Foelker, Matt
Kelly, Mike
Nass, Steve
Payne, Laura
Tietz, Augie

1. **Call to order**

Tietz called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**

Present: Tietz, Foelker, Kelly, Nass, Payne

Others Present: Lamers, Nehmer, Wiesmann, Schroeder, Rinard, Fuller

3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Meeting was posted and is in compliance.

4. **Approval of the agenda**

No Changes.

5. **Approval of Park Committee minutes for May 2, 2016**

Kelly motioned to approve the minutes for May 2, 2016. Foelker seconded. Minutes approved on a 4/0 voice vote.

6. **Communications**

Communications were included in the packet for review. Nehmer & Weismann discussed some of the events that have taken place. No action taken.

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

Kelly said that his family is impressed with the bike trail. No action taken.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Crawfish River Park Improvements**

Nehmer said that Andy Didion has a desire to move the development of Crawfish River Park forward. He offered himself and the Lions Club to work on campsites on the south end of park. There is currently a master plan in place for the Crawfish River Park. The committee discussed different options for accessing the campgrounds and also restrooms and water availability. No action taken. The committee supports further development.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting Monetary Donation for Carlin Weld Park**

A copy of the draft resolution was provided for review. Nehmer explained that Robert Eller, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa has left a memorial in the amount of \$25,000 for Carlin Weld Park.

Nass motioned to accept the monetary donation for Carlin Weld Park and send a resolution to the County Board for their consideration. Foelker seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 vote.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Town Highway Use Agreements**

Weisman is waiting for Ward to draft a use agreement with the Town of Jefferson regarding parking at Carnes Park East. No action taken.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Pohlman Park Silo & Parking Lot

This project is being delayed. Nehmer is waiting for comments from the Town of Jefferson. There are citizens who want to keep the park silo, but there is also a concern of liability. The committee would like to get an engineering estimate.

Nass motioned to solicit engineering estimates. Kelly seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 vote.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Camping at Rock River Access Cappie's Landing

Nehmer explained that this project is going well. Tietz feels that this should remain paddle in only. Reservation methods and permit fees were discussed. Weismann told the committee about a camping website called Reserve America available 24/7 for people to reserve campsites and pay online.

Nass motioned to pay the permit fees and get these sites licensed. Kelly seconded. Motion passed on a 5/0 vote

13. Discussion on Wisconsin Parks Your Best Investment (Video)

The committee watched the video. No action taken.

14. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) – Friends of GHA

The next GHA meeting is on June 23rd in Palmyra. Fuller explained that the Bark River Family Paddle is this Saturday. Fuller also discussed other activities the Friends of GHA have been involved in. No action taken.

15. Discussion on Upcoming Parks Events

- a. Brew with a View – June 9th, July 14th, August 25th
- b. 5th Annual Mason Jamboree – June 25, 2016
- c. Tour de Goose – June 25, 2016 – This is a bike event supporting Family Cares Clinic

16. Discussion on Fundraising for Interurban Trail

Tina Crave, Executive Director from Watertown Hospital, has been communicating with the Parks Department regarding creating a partnership with Healthy Living. Rinard explained that there are citizens from the Ixonia area who are interested in putting together a group to do fundraising, branding and marketing. No action taken.

17. Review of Financial Statements (April 2016) and Department Update – Parks Department

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

18. Review annual meeting calendar and set dates for future Park Committee meetings and future Parks Committee Tour of Jefferson County Parks

The committee discussed their meeting schedule as it pertained to having County Board resolutions and ordinances ready by the deadline of noon on Monday the week prior to County Board. The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

Nass motioned to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion passes on a 5/0 voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Nimm, Program Assistant