

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

Date: Monday, December 4, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

1. **Call to order**  
Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:02am
2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**  
Present: Foelker, Kelly (out at 9:25am), Payne, Nass  
Absent: Tietz
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**  
Meeting was posted and noticed according to law
4. **Approval of the agenda**  
Nass/Foelker 4/0
5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for November 6, 2017**  
Nass/Foelker motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017. Motion passes 4/0.
6. **Communications**  
Communications were included in the packet.
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 Placement of Bees in County Parks**  
Nehmer – Contract, third paragraph, possible fee. Worked with Jorgensen at UW-Extension. Fee \$10/per hive/per year not to exceed \$30/year may be waived if additional services are provided to the county.  
Kelly – could we add other areas that may be deemed suitable as approved by the committee  
Nass – fee may be waived by director, inform committee.  
Nimm – map would be attached identifying hive location(s).  
Nass/Foelker motion to add “other designated areas”, change typo. Motion passes 4/0.
9. **Discussion on Interurban Recreation Trail**  
Nehmer – will visit on today’s tour. Unresolved bridge width, estimate 10ft wide bridge, DNR/WeEnergies referring to bicycle manual/DOT ASHTO – probably will need a 12ft clear span bridge (10ft path, one foot clear on sides, 12ft bridge, 42-50” height, load will have to accommodate ambulance (14,000-15,000 # load)  
Kelly – there is good vehicle access on both sides of the river, do we need to accommodate emergency vehicles?
10. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**  
No report today
11. **Discussion on 2018 Youth Hunt at Dorothy Carnes Park**  
Nehmer noted there were two hunters, with no deer kill.
12. **Review of Financial Statements (October, 2017) and Department Update – Parks Department**  
Nehmer - 2017 looks good @ 74.69% of total budget.

13. **Discussion on 2018 Parks Department Budget**

Nehmer – no supervisory amendments, budget approved.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Mary S Nimm, Program Assistant Parks*

14. **Depart for Park Tour @ approximately 9:20am**

Group departed at 9:25am

**a. Dog Park**

Nehmer – 1,838 annual tags were sold in 2017. That is not counting daily. Many people really enjoy the dog park and make it part of their daily routine. Area 1 is the most popular and most used area.

**b. Rock River Park**

Payne – Do people pay to launch their boats?

Nehmer- Other municipalities do charge, at this time – we do not.

**c. Korth Park**

Nehmer- With big events and cross country meets, parking has become an issue.

Udovich -We've talked about putting in a gravel shoulder and parallel parking.

Nehmer- We are hoping to have the road and extra parking done by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

**d. Garman Nature Preserve**

Nehmer- We recently received a significant donation for improvements. We recently completed a vegetation and signage plan.

Nehmer- Between now and summer 2019 we will have \$93,000 available to spend at Garman.

**e. Cappies Landing**

Klement- We are working to get about 6 more dead trees cut down in here.

Klement- These are the newer camp sites. Each has a fire pit, hook for food and a picnic table. The flowing well and restrooms were installed early summer last year.

**f. Interurban Trail**

Tietz - A bathroom/shelter facility will be constructed in the near future. The Parking lot will get paved along with some extra features. The trail has been heavily used and we have had very positive feedback.

15. **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Kaela Hutter, Administrative Assistant Parks*