

Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Committee members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Nass, Steve (Vice Chair)
Morse, Ed (Secretary) Patrick, Greg
Zastrow, Lloyd

1. **Call to order** - Tietz called the meeting to order at 8:33a.m.
2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**
Parks Committee members present: Tietz, Morse, Nass, Patrick (8:35am)
Parks Committee members absent: Zastrow
Staff in attendance: Joe Nehmer, Director; Mary Nimm, Program Assistant; Kaela Hutter, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Wiesmann, Parks Supervisor; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Blair Ward, Corporation Council; Mark Watkins, Director Land & Water
Members of the public present: Frankie Fuller, Friends of GHA
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**
County Administrator Ben Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the agenda**
Agenda approved as written
5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for August 6, 2018**
Motion made by Morse/Nass to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes. Motion passed 3/0.
6. **Communications**
None
7. **Public Comment** (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
None
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Repairing the Glacial River Trail South of Fort Atkinson**
Nehmer – asked the committee to reconsider changing the vote from the last meeting. Changing trail surface from asphalt to gravel is dangerous. Concerned about the safety of cyclists. Funding would have to be secured. The engineering report recommends excavation as deep as 12 feet.
Motion made by Nass/Tietz to use a temporary patch surface and to investigate permanent fix as a future budget request. Motion passed 4/0.
9. **Discussion and Possible action on Historic Sites Preservation Councils Recommendation to Place an Above Ground Vault on the Potters Field Cemetery for Indigent Remains**
Morse noted that a statement by the Historic Sites Committee was included in the packet. The committee unanimously approves placement of the vault.
Motion made by Nass/Morse to make a recommendation to Land & Water for the vault to be considered on Potters Field for Indigent Remains. Motion passed 4/0.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Interurban Trail Project**
Nehmer stated that for a number of reasons, Anderson Bridge will not be the bridge manufacturing contractor. Wheeler Construction has agreed to meet the Anderson Bridge quote and will deliver by November 12, 2018. Wehmeier stated that the Purchase Order was signed last week and the county will need to ratify the resolution to change the vendor. Anderson has voluntarily removed their bid.
Motion made by Nass/Patrick to forward the revised resolution to the County Board as soon as possible. Motion passed 4/0.

11. **Discussion on Barktober Fest 2018**
Nehmer stated that there will not be a Barktober Fest until 2019. There were date conflicts with Tyranena and with Barktober Fest in Cambridge.
No action taken.
12. **Discussion on Dog Dayz of Summer**
Nehmer stated that there has been the annual swim event fundraiser at the City of Jefferson aquatic center. The department has been notified by Watertown Health Department of new rules that govern dog swim events. There will not be a Dog Dayz swim this year and probably not any in the future.
No action taken.
13. **Discussion on 2018 Brew with a View Events**
Nehmer noted that attendance at the last event might have been a record. The department budgeted \$10,000 in revenue for 2018 and revenue is over the estimate for the year.
No action taken.
14. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area Meeting**
Nehmer stated that there were two executive level staff and others from DNR in attendance. Those representatives seemed supportive of reinvigorating GHA possibly using a different model than in the past with GHA as the leader and Parks as the partner. Shared leadership shall be detrimental to the program in the future.
Wehmeier stated he is encouraged by DNR staff attendance. Jefferson County will have to push forward.
No action taken.
15. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) –Friends of GHA**
Frankie Fuller, Friends of GHA informed the parks committee of a clean sweep of Rock River and the Friends are working on winter project.
No action taken.
16. **Discussion on 2018/2019 Parks Department Budget**
Nehmer noted that 2018 is proceeding on budget. 2019 operations budget has been agreed to with the County Administrator. Capital requests still unknown. Not sure if we will receive the WisDOT TAP (Phase II) – we would need to find approximately \$340,000 (80% match) in 2019. Other is a potential land acquisition and would need \$110,000 for our share (25%).
No action taken.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on Jefferson County Flood Mitigation Management Plan**
Nehmer noted that there has no involvement from the Federal Government (FEMA)/Trust for Public Land/University of NC at Chapel Hill. Initially at their request, they were to lead the process.
No action taken.
18. **Adjourn**
A motion was made by Patrick/Morse to adjourn at 9:25a.m. Motion passed 4/0.

*Minutes prepared by:
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