Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Committee members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Nass, Steve (Vice Chair)

Morse, Ed (Secretary) Lund, Kirk

Johns, Jeff

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll call (establish a quorum)

Parks Committee members present: Tietz, Morse, Nass, Johns, Lund

Parks Committee members absent:

Staff in attendance: Nehmer, Truman, Chentis, Wiesmann, Udovich, Ward, Wehmeier (@ 9:50 am) Others in attendance: Walt Christensen, Frankie Fuller – Friends of GHA, Sam Jonas – WIDNR

3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Staff certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law

4. Approval of the agenda

Nass/Johns motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes 5/0.

5. Approval of Park Committee Minutes for August 5, 2019

Nass/Johns motion to approve the August 5 minutes. Motion passes 5/0.

6. Communications

No 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)

None

8. Discussion on Holzhueter Park

Nehmer – reviewed email from Sam Jonas regarding the planning for Holzhueter Park. County staff will need to work jointly with the DNR on the plan.

9. Discussion on Brew with A View

Nimm – the August Brew with a View earned \$5,231.75. The August event was the highest of the four for the year.

May: \$ 4,553.00 June: \$ 882.00 July: \$ 5,097.00 August: \$ 5,231.75 \$15,763.75

10. Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council

Morse – Potters Field, investigation showed no signs of remains. Site has been excavated and is ready for footings.

11. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) -Friends of GHA

Fuller – A Swift counting night was held on Thursday. Approximately 20ppl in attendance. Counted 667 chimney swifts. Bio blitz scheduled Thursday, September 6.

Board Meeting - Monday, 23

FACTalk: The Evolution of the GHA, speakers: Nehmer/Grabow - October 29
FACTalk: Wisconsin's Glacial Heritage, speaker: Karl Korfmacher – November 26

Family night @ Haummersons Pond - January

12. Discussion on 2019 Parks Department Budget

Budget on track

13. Discussion on 2020 Parks Department Budget

Nehmer – efficiencies in winter maintenance at county facilities has increased responsibilities – there is a need for both increased hours and equipment. Approximately 2,000 hours per year are spent in facilities maintenance.

14. Discussion on Rock River Landing

Wehmeier – Most of work will be done 2020. Housing Authority is asking for an alternative approach. Soil management plan approved with WI DNR. More borings to be conducted at the site of the former highway building.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Donation For Carnes Park Memorial

Wiesmann – family has donations for magnification ocular viewer, however they are \$1,200 short funding.

Nass/Morse – accept donation and contribute \$1,026 for the construction of an ocular viewer at Carnes Park. Motion passes 5/0.

16. Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase II

Nehmer – meeting on 9/17/2019 to discuss phase II with We Energies, ATC, KL Engineering, Jefferson County. Zoning Permit applied for by We Energies for culvert replacement on Phase II. This could provide a cost savings to Jefferson County.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Completion of Segment I of the Interurban Recreation Trail

Nehmer – still not in agreement for installation of the fencing on Phase I and/or funding (approximately \$20,000). Wehmeier – Finance meeting prior to next County Board meeting.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Engineering Services Contract for Engineering Design Services Interurban Trail Segment II

Udovich – RFP, last year shortlisted to 4 firms. KL Engineering top firm and have been in contract negotiations. Funding source did not allow for cost negotiations during qualification interviews. Costs have been broken out by year. Wetland delineation and survey must be completed Fall 2019 to keep the project moving forward.

Nehmer – budgeted at \$175,000, proposal at \$225,000.

Nass/Johns – move forward with contract and /costs as proposed. Motion passes 5/0.

19. 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 and possible action on responding to an offer to lease a parcel of county owned property.

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Parks Committee members absent:

Staff in attendance: Nehmer, Truman, Chentis, Wiesmann, Wehmeier, Ward, Haugom

20. Reconvene in open session for further discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in closed session if necessary. Johns/Nass motion to reconvene at 10:00am. Motion passes 5/0.

21. Adjourn

Nass/Lund motion to adjourn at 10:03am. Motion passes 5/0.

Minutes prepared by: Mary Truman

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