Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2020

Committee Members: Tietz, Augie (Chair) Nass, Steve (Vice Chair)
Morse, Ed (Secretary) Lund, Kirk
Johns, Jeff

1. **Call to order**
Nass called the meeting to order at 9:00am

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

Parks Committee Present:	Morse, Nass, Johns, Lund
Parks Committee Absent:	Tietz
Staff Present:	Truman, Wehmeier, Ward, Wiesmann
Others in Attendance:	Frankie Fuller

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

4. **Approval of the agenda**
Lund/Johns motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes 4/0.

5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for November 4, 2019**
Johns/Lund motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019. Motion passes 4/0.

6. **Communications**
In the packet is a November 12, 2019 article in the Daily Union – County Parks in Good Hands, Nehmer Says
Jefferson County Parks was awarded $7,000 from the Oconomowoc Rotary Charitable Foundation for the Interurban Trail

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 Establishing a Dog Park at Dorothy Carnes Park or on Other County Owned Property in the Fort Atkinson Area**
Wehmeier- introduced four members of 32nd class of Project Lead. The members work for businesses in the Fort Atkinson community.
Project lead is a group associated with the Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce. The group was assigned to pick a project that benefits the community. They noted that dog parks are popular, and there is a demand/need for more. Project requirements are that the project must be within the 53538 Zip Code.
Group members in attendance: Heather Hartwig, Robert Cassidy, Tim Smith, Trista Taylor
The group reviewed a PowerPoint, noting that the committee is looking for a safe off-leash dog park area with two areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs and has identified Dorothy Carnes Park as a possibility.
Johns/Lund – motion to explore the options for a dog park in the Fort Atkinson zip code at Dorothy Carnes Park and other county properties and to bring the item back for discussion on February 3, 2020. Motion passes 4/0.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Park, Recreation, Open Space Plan**
Draft proceedings from the November 12, 2020 Workshop was included in the agenda packet. Committee is asked to review, provide suggested clarifications, edits and offer any additional comment.

10. **Discussion on Flood Mitigation Property Inspections**
Photos of items stored or abandoned without authorization on county owned properties were included in the packet. Staff is working with Corporation Counsel on issuing enforcement letters.

11. **Discussion on Garman Nature Preserve Sign Concept Plan – Next Steps**
The 106 Group has completed the concept plan for the Garman Nature Preserve.

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Next step – contract negotiations for design and construction of the sign panels.

12. **Discussion on Canoecopia 2020**
    Canoecopia 2020 is March 13-14-15. The department is looking for volunteers to staff the booth, providing information on the waterways in Jefferson County. A Google Doc for volunteer registration will be emailed to the committee.

13. **Discussion on Rock River Landing**
    Wehmeier – the City is currently accepting bids on the park portion of the project

14. **Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase I**
    Wiesmann – completed the fencing, still need to complete the sign install
    Truman – a Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) application was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for $274,090.00 to asphalt this section of the trail

15. **Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase II**
    We Energies has been removing culverts that can no longer handle the weight of heavy maintenance equipment along section 2 of the Interurban Trail. There will be a meeting with We Energies, County staff and impacted property owners along the trail on January 20, 2020.
    KL Engineering meeting notes and project updates were included for review.

16. **Discussion on Glacial River Trail Rehabilitation Recreational Trail Program Grant Award**
    Jefferson County has been awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of $15,000 to repair a 100 foot section of the Glacial River Trail which has been sinking as a result of woody debris buried in the bed of the trail.

17. **Discussion on Dorothy Carnes Park Trail Improvements Recreational Trail Program Grant Award**
    Jefferson County has been awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of $7,380 to resurface the gravel trail with asphalt at Dorothy Carnes from the parking lot and shelter to the lake observation deck.

18. **Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council**
    Morse – no new developments with the Council. The council is working to designate more county landmark sites.
    Wiesmann – crypt has been installed at Potters Field. Landscaping will be completed in spring of 2020.

19. **Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) – Friends of GHA**
    Fuller – planning committees for Bio Blitz @ DCP
    partnered with Maunesha River Alliance Group, natural resources foundation field trip (May 30)
    partnering with Friends of Haumersons Pond, February 8
    Watertown Parks Department director, expand friends groups

20. **Discussion on 2019 Parks Department Budget**
    Wehmeier – finished the year on track, there are some capital projects to carry-over.

21. **Discussion on 2020 Parks Department Budget**
    No new developments, new year just started.

22. **Adjourn**
    Lund/Johns motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Motion passes 4/0.

23. Next scheduled meetings: February 3, 2020
    March 2, 2020

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