

Jefferson County
Parks Committee Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2020

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

1. **Call to order**
Morse called the meeting to order at 9:03am
2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**
Parks Committee Present: Morse, Johns, Lund, Nass (@ 9:07am), Schroeder
Parks Committee Absent: Tietz, Nass
Staff Present: Truman, Wehmeier, Ward, Wiesmann, Udovich
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**
Agenda approved as written
5. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for January 6, 2020**
Lund/Johns motion to approve the minutes for January 6, 2020. Motion passes 3/0.
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)**
Christensen – noted that a pro of having a dog park at Carnes Park is that more people will be in the park. He noted the cons as a loss of habitat for ground nesting birds/bobolinks/wood thrush. Christensen also offered suggestions or alternate dog park locations such as the Klement Industrial Park, land by water tower, FEMA lands, Haumersons Pond – all of which can be walked to via residents of Fort Atkinson.
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**
Wiesmann – reviewed Dorothy Carnes Park Master Plan(s) and reached out to those involved in the planning process. Nothing in plan identified dog park as a desired use for the park. Plan excerpts included showing defined park uses. Friends of Rose Lake not in favor a dog park at Dorothy Carnes Park. Urban green space grant used to purchase that portion of the property.
Johns – open to looking at alternative sites, if it makes sense.
Wehmeier – limited property options for moving quickly within the 53538 zip code.
Project Lead noted that they worked extensively with City of Fort Atkinson and reviewed many potential public options. DCP – need for an off-leash dog area. It was also noted there is currently an issue of off-leash dogs and a public presence can help enforce ordinance rules.
Nass - noted that the timeline is a challenge. Process should be followed accordingly. Does this include a master plan revision?
Schroeder – questioned if will fees be charged to help off-set fiscal impact?
Nass/Lund motion in the affirmative to approve the addition of a dog park at Dorothy Carnes Park. Motion failed at 2/3 vote.
9. **Discussion and possible action on conveying a County owned parcel of land 66 feet by 100 feet for public right-of-way and dedicated for public road purposes to the City of Fort Atkinson for the purpose of extending Farmco Lane to the City of Fort Atkinson Wastewater Treatment Facility.**
Saxby – FarmCo lane is not dedicated to the City of Fort Atkinson Wastewater Treatment Plant. This process will deed this section of road to the City. The currently has no right to access the property.

Johns/Lund motion to convey the property to the city of fort Atkinson. Motion passes 5/0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant to Fund Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Program

Truman – noted this is an annual resolution necessary to apply for the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Lund/Johns motion to approve the resolution. Motion passes 5/0.

11. Discussion on Park, Recreation, Open Space Plan

Truman – noted the public has been invited to the next meeting scheduled on 2/17/20 @ 6:30 pm

12. Discussion on Garman Nature Preserve Phase II – Sign Plan

Weismann – noted there is a contract amendment in the packet for the sign plan design as part of the process for signs at Garmin. Funding source is an anonymous donor.

13. Discussion on Canoecopia 2020

Truman – noted there is a GoogleDoc sign up sheet for interested volunteers. Canoecopia 2020 is scheduled for March 13-14-15.

14. Discussion on Rock River Landing

Wehmeier - Six requests were submitted for the bid package, one bid submitted. Many items that could be completed by the city/county were removed from the bid package. Recommendation is to proceed forward with the bid as received. A few line items will be reviewed with the bidder. Once awarded a project timeline will be established and project will proceed. Line item for bath/shelter was removed and will be reviewed at a later date. Next step for City/County is to review the intergovernmental agreement.

15. Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase II

Udovich – still considering a “state let” project versus a “county let” project as it relates to costs associated with wetland mitigation costs. The trail corridor may have less than the 10,000 sq ft limited to wetland impacts. Also reviewing the Hustisford Road crossing –a very steep crossing and trail alignment and/or realignment. Trying to find cost savings where possible.

16. Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council

Morse – No updates.

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

Fuller – working on Bio Blitz, project with Maunasha River Alliance – Natural Resources Foundation Field Trip. Also working on a Friends of Haummersons project.

18. Discussion on 2020 Parks Department Budget

2019/2020 Budget Carry-Over’s have been completed

19. Adjourn

Lund/Johns motion to adjourn at 10:23 am

20. Next scheduled meetings: March 2, 2020