

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549**  
**ROOM 202**  
**December 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Amy Kramer, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Nass; Kuhlman, absent. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Petre, Schmeling, Buchholz, Dallmann, Burow, Novitzke, Cicero. Absent: Kuhlman
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of November 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the November 2, 2009 minutes. Nass/Kramer, Babcock abstained, carried 3-0.**

6. Public Comment – None
7. Recognition of Korth Shoreline Restoration – Patricia Cicero

Cicero acknowledged Korth County Park was recognized in the Wisconsin Lake Tides Fall 2009 edition for having one of the largest shoreline restorations in the state. The restored vegetative area extends several hundred feet inland, and consists of 12,983 native flowers and grasses, 780 shrubs, 60 trees and was supported by 286 volunteer hours.

8. Discussion and possible recommendation on combining Parks Committee with Fair Park Committee

Borland reported the Fair Park Committee has visited the issue of combining the Fair Park and the Parks Committees. The consensus was that the two departments have completely different missions. They would not recommend combining the two committees at this time.

9. Discussion on Hwy 26 Bike Path contract

Nehmer stated that the committee has discussed the draft contract. Phil has reviewed the contract and offered his advice. Following today's discussion, Phil will redo some of language and then it will be sent back to the Department of Transportation for their consideration. Ristow will go ahead and work on the changes in the terms and anything else they are willing to change that has been discussed. Assuming that the contract meets with the committee's approval at the January meeting, it will then be taken to County Board for approval.

10. Discussion on Disc Golf Partnership

Nehmer reported that he met with the City of Fort Atkinson and the City of Jefferson Parks and Recreation Directors and had an engaging conversation regarding a partnership between the three for a disc golf course. The City of Jefferson is interested in continuing discussions; the City of Fort Atkinson is not. The area being considered for the establishment of a course is the area around Countryside; all of which is located within the city limits of Jefferson. Fort Atkinson did not think it was appropriate to be contributing Fort Atkinson taxes dollars in the City of Jefferson for this joint partnership. Cyndi Keller, City of Jefferson Parks and Recreation Director, has agreed to present the project to their Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee for their consideration and will report back to this committee.

11. Discussion on Mason Farm Buildings

Nehmer reported that the buildings at the Mason Farm continue to weather and age. Nass asked how the student project is coming. Nehmer reported that it is being developed and will be presented to the committee in May of 2010. Babcock asked if this has to be coordinated with the historic preservation committee. Nehmer stated that it might be a good policy but doesn't know if it is required or not. Nass suggested waiting for the student project report; we can decide where we are going from there; what we want to save, what we want to get rid of, and what is best for the area. Dallman reported that there are hazards that exist regarding the buildings. .

12. Discussion and possible recommendation on Parks Department Awards

Nehmer discussed the placement of awards the Parks Department has received. It was suggested by the committee to find a place in the Courthouse to display them so they may be viewed by the general public as well as courthouse employees.

13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

Schmeling commented that one item for the Administration and Rules Committee to consider for the next term of the County Board is a Glacial Heritage Advisory Committee. Administration and Rules Committee is considering and will make a recommendation in March. Schmeling stated that discussion was needed; how many people on the committee. Borland recommended Joe Nehmer for the committee.

Nehmer reported on the Waterways Committee and will have a report on their progress at the January meeting.

14. Update on Dog Park Fundraiser

Nehmer reported the fundraiser being sponsored by the Modern Woodman of America is ready to go and will be held this Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

15. County Conservation Aids Program Grant Award – Mason Farm Woodland Restoration

Buchholz reported on the County Conservation Aids Program. This money is available every year. We applied for the grant and were awarded the grant in the amount of \$1,647.00, with the total project cost of \$3,294.00. Jefferson County is required to match the grant at fifty percent. The grant will be used to continue the woodland restoration at the Mason Farm Component of Dorothy Carnes Park County Park.

15. Correspondence

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Korth Park Shelter Award media

Trek Event media

Indian Mounds and Trail Ho-Chunk Sign media

Wisconservation Club Donates to Glacial Heritage Waterways media

Dorothy Carnes Park Sign media

17. Set tentative next meeting date/time: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 1:00pm – Room 202

18. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m., Kramer/Borland, carried 4-0.**