

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
May 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman,
Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Babcock, Nass, Borland, Tietz . Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Dallman, Ristow, Molinaro. Absent: Kuhlman
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of April 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Babcock corrections: page 2 #11 3rd sentence committer should be committee, pg 3 #16 over run is one word payment should be corrected.

Motion to approve the April 5, 2010 minutes as corrected. Babcock/Nass 3-0

6. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary

Committee held elections of officers:

Motion was made by Babcock/Nass to nominate Glen Borland as Chairman of the Parks Committee – motion carried 4-0

Nomination for Vice-Chairman tabled until June Parks Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Borland/Nass to nominate Paul Babcock as Secretary of the Parks Committee – motion carried 4-0

7. Public Comment – Gary Petre

Petre stated normally there is an agenda Item for the first meeting of the new committees for review of the County Board Rules as they pertain to that particular committee. Petre asked that the committee review the County Board Rules as they pertain to the Parks Committee at the June meeting.

8. Update on Harvest Garden at Korth Park – Chad Dallman

Dallman updated committee on Korth Park Harvest Garden. The garden is in and is set for planting. There are 12, 10'x20' plots; nine plots and have been rented and 3 plots are open.

9. Jefferson County Dog Park Update – Chad Dallman

Dallman reported that the Dog Park Attendant has been hired. She is helping with general maintenance and working with the public on registration.

10. Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve parking lot project

Nehmer discussed the parking lot project at Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve which will be paid for from donation funds from Mrs. Garman. The goal is paving the small area of road coming in the parking lot, maintaining it is a lot of work when it is gravel so we want to get that put into asphalt strip and put in a split rail fence around it. We will be working on bids from the Highway Department and private contractors

11. Jefferson County Bike Plan Update

Nehmer reported we have the final draft plan for the bike plan from Schrieber/Anderson. We are using the plan more as the reference document and John Raub and Steve Grabow and I are putting together a plan summary that we will present it to the Parks Committee and then take to the County Board for approval.

12. Jefferson County Watertrails update

Nehmer reported the project is moving ahead, lots of maps have been distributed. We are attending a Tourism Meeting and will be distributing maps to the Chambers and are distributing maps to the parks and recreation departments throughout Jefferson County. We are in the process of ordering signs and posts for the put in/take out sites. Nehmer noted that we distributed 2500 maps at Canoecopia in Madison. We are going to determine this week if we will print more maps.

13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

Nehmer reported on letter received from the City of Waterloo's stating their interest in the GHA project; they have a very strong interest and definitely a complimentary interest when it comes to the issue of High Speed Rail and the possibility of a public bicycle trail from the City of Waterloo to the City of Watertown associated with the High Speed Rail project.

Nehmer commented on an email received from the DNR announcing a new conservation strategy for President Obama's "America's Great Outdoors". Nehmer has spoken to a number of people at the DNR and suggested making a joint proposal on the GHA model

to the Obama Administration. There is strong interest from the DNR. The initiative is a perfect fit for the GHA movement.

14. Staffing update

Dallman reported on staffing updates. Positions should be filled by the end of this month. Dallman also reported that he is resigning his position as Parks Operations Supervisor and will be leaving on June 2nd. Nehmer reported we have already received permission to fill the position and we are in the process of placing ads.

15. Correspondence

Daily Jefferson County Union 4/15/10 Dog Park Donation & Advertiser 4/23/10

Email regarding repeat rental at New Korth Park Shelter

June Issue of Dog Fancy – Jefferson County Dog Park in Ranking of 40 best dog parks in the US

Rock River Reflections – Glacial Heritage Area Unveils New Watertrails Map and Guide

16. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time: June 7, 2010, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

17. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.1985 (1)(E) For the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public properties

Motion to go into closed session. Nass/Babcock carried 4-0.

Roll call taken: Borland, Babcock, Tietz, Nass, Nehmer, Stanger, Dallman, Molinaro, Ristow, Petre; Ehlinger was called in for financial consultation.

18. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on the items discussed in closed session

Motion to reconvene in open session at 2:44 p.m. Nass/Babcock carried 4-0.

Motion to pursue the purchase of parcel in the Town of Jefferson north of Rose Lake with use of Carol Liddle funds and either contingency or an administrative transfer from the Parks Budget. Nass/Borland carried 4-0.

Molinaro stated the committee needs to bring this to the Finance Committee for approval.

Nass moved to authorize staff to continue negotiations with the DOT and Department of Natural Resources for a possible donation of property around Kanow Park

and to at least pursue a pricing of the adjacent parcel owned by the Town and Country YMCA. Nehmer will bring back as much information as possible to the next meeting.

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Babcock/Tietz carried 4-0.