

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202

NOVEMBER 30, 2011 at 10:00 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 Chairman Borland at 10:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Kuhlman and Tietz. Nass joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Others Present: Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann, John Molinaro, Gary Petre, Kim Buchholz, Margaret Burlingham, Tom Jennings, Jan Rue and Jim Mode.
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Review of the Agenda – Approved
5. Public Comment - None
6. Presentation of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update Information – Margaret Burlingham and Tom Jennings

Margaret and Tom introduced themselves. Joe gave a brief overview of what the department has asked from the consultants in updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. We are at the implementation stage.

Margaret explained that the PowerPoint that the committee is reviewing is in draft form. Because the department is in the implementation stage, this update was done differently. The PowerPoint covers all the parks but does it according to the vision statements that were developed in 2005 versus property by property.

The PowerPoint will be used for the public input meetings that will be held this winter. Margaret reviewed the PowerPoint with the committee. Discussion and input was given throughout the presentation.

The committee thought the presentation was well done and thanked Margaret and Tom for their hard work. Suggestions received from the committee: shorten presentation. Glen stated that moving forward we need to have areas for families such as playgrounds incorporated within the parks or nicely mowed open areas where pick-up games could be played.

Margaret explained that the next step would be to hold the public meetings. The committee suggested that two meetings be held; one in Watertown area and one in either Fort Atkinson or Jefferson. They also suggested that more information on the newly established endowment fund be included in the presentation and well as having a handout of the county identifying the locations of the parks with a short description of where each park is located would be helpful.

7. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time - The next meeting is set for Monday, December 5, 2011 at 1:00pm in Room 202 of the Jefferson County Courthouse.
8. Adjourn - Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Tietz, to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried.