

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

June 3, 2013 @1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Phil Ristow, John Molinaro. Others present: Hope Oostdik. Absent: Supervisor Kuhlman.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance

4. Review of the Agenda

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the May 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 6, 2013 meeting minutes by Tietz, seconded by Nass.

Carried 4-0.

7. Communications

- a. Stagecoach Inn Saved By Wetlands, Bike Trail – Daily Union
- b. Landmark Oak Tree Victim of Roadwork – Daily Union
- c. Dorothy Dash Set at Luther School – Daily Union
- d. Thank You Fort HealthCare – Jefferson County Living
- e. Picnic in the Park – Jefferson County Living
- f. Charles and Evelyn Payson donation
- g. Discover Wisconsin Press Release – County on Discover Wisconsin – Daily Union
- h. UW-Whitewater Professor's App Helps Park, Recreation Programs – Daily Union
- i. Run for it – Dorothy Dash – Daily Union
- j. Playground Fundraiser for Korth County Park Slated – Daily Union
- k. "Cabin Fever" Funds Sought for Mason Log Home – Daily Union
- l. Portion of Glacial River Trail to be Closed for Three Weeks – Daily Union
- m. Apply for Community Garden Plots at Dorothy Carnes Park – Daily Union
- n. Picnic in Park at Korth Park Saturday Night – The Leader
- o. Felled Landmark Bur Oak Remembered in Fundraiser – Daily Union

p. Parks Department June 2013 Events

Buchholz reviewed upcoming June events for the department

- June 1 Fort Atkinson Farmers Market – “My Favorite Tree sale” posters
- June 1 River Clean-Up Day – Cancelled due to high water
- June 1 GHA Hike the Ice Age Trail
- June 1 Dog Park Friends Education Event – Behavioral Specialist
- June 8 GHA Paddle – Red Cedar Lake
- June 9 2 Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor (Watertown) Open House
- June 15 GHA River Clean-Up Day
- June 18 Friends of Rose Lake Meeting
- June 22 Family Fun Float
- June 24 Friends of the Dog Park meeting
- June 29 Bike & Hike with the Artists (flyer)
- June 30 Dog Park Friends Educational Event – Which Dog?When?(flyer)

8. Discussion and possible decision on donation policy – Our Favorite Tree – Tracy Hegg
Nehmer reported on work we have been doing with Tracy Hegg, she is a graphic designer and has designed a poster of the Landmark Oak Tree which was in the vicinity of the Covered Bridge on the East side of the road which was felled due to Hwy 26 construction. She created a photo documentary of its life throughout the season and has designed a poster and printed 1000 copies to raise funds to replant trees along the bike path. We will be selling the poster at local events throughout the year. We are starting to get the word out more through local radio and news releases. 100% of the money raised is for buying trees to plant back in the bicycle corridor in both Jefferson County and Rock County. We will also be looking for funds from the DOT for replacement of trees.
9. Discussion and possible decision on Donation for Glacial River Trail Sign and Statue
Nehmer noted that this committee approved this project earlier it was prior to the County’s new donation policy. The donation will be in excess of \$5,000. The sculpture will be a life-size bicyclist on a stone base marking the Glacial River Trail at the original trail head location near Farmco Lane. The sculpture will be titled “Ride like the Wind”.
Motion to accept the donation and pass the resolution onto the County Board made by Nass, seconded by Tietz, carried 4-0.
10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update
Buchholz distributed and reviewed the summary of the financials for the Parks Department through the end of April.

11. Update Korth Playground Project

Nehmer updated the committee on the playground fundraiser held at Korth Park. The donations are still coming in total funds raised are still forthcoming. There were 250-300 in attendance with the numbers definitely peaking around the Magic Show during the early afternoon. With the contribution from Fort Healthcare, we will be able to access the \$5,000 matching grant from Modern Woodman. Totally, we have in the vicinity of \$25,000 committed out of a goal of \$37,500. We will be targeting to install the playground in the fall of 2013.

12. Update on Hwy 26 Project

Nehmer reported the Highway 26 project is moving forward and it will be a couple of years before it is completely finished. The parking lot on the south end of the bike trail will be relocated. The bike trail in the vicinity of the crossover on Old 26 just south of the current interchange is closed for safety reasons. We spoke about safety with the engineers and agreed it was in the best interest of everybody to close it for about a 3 week period of time.

13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

- a. Nehmer reported the Holzheuter Master Plan is moving forward. John Polhman, WDNR, is heading the process with Trek, neighboring townships, Crave Brothers and City of Waterloo. Mountain biking will be a significant use of the park. We are to maintain the property; the state bought the property. Any development we will have to work on and look into grant funding.
- b. Nehmer reported the GHA MOU (Glacial Heritage Area Memorandum of Understanding) has been sent to the DNR. We are waiting for them to return signed copies.
- c. Tietz reported on a potential property on the Rock River. There is an accepted offer on the property in Watertown. It will now be taken to the Natural Resources Board for approval and then to the Governor. It will be a campground facility and improve shoreline fishing, handicap fishing, a significant boat launch and parking area.
- d. Nehmer reported the bike trail draft plan from Watertown to Waterloo is now done. It will be an agenda item for the Committee at their meeting.

14. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.19.85(I)(E), Statutes, to deliberate the potential purchase of public property

Motion to go into closed session at 1:45 p.m. Pursuant to S.19.85(I)(E), Statutes, to deliberate the potential purchase of public property. Nass/Tietz, carried 4-0.
Roll call Taken: Borland, Kelly, Nass Tietz, Nehmer, Stanger, Wiesmann, Ristow, Molinaro, Buchholz, Oostdik.

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

Motion to reconvene into open session at 2:10 p.m. Tietz/Kelly, Carried 4-0.

The committee agreed to look at the property and make a decision at a later date.

16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: July 1, 2013 at 1:00 pm

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:23 p.m. made by Nass, seconded by Kelly. Carried 4-0.