

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
December 1, 2008 @ 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 Borland at 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Kramer, Nass, Babcock, Kuhlman. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Wiegand, Liedtke, Callaway, Linton, Hollenberger, Pezzi, Chwala, Walz, Keller, Jackson, Potter, Pohlman, Zentner
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting

Motion to approve the November 3, 2008 minutes Babcock/Kramer, carried 4-0

6. Public Comment - None
7. ATC – Discussion and possible decision regarding appraisal, tree cutting, road and parking lot re-construction, etc. – David Hollenberger

Hollenberger, Wiegand and Callaway from American Transmission Company went over progress being made at the site where the tower will be placed and the clearing of trees and shrubs in the park and their appraisers report regarding the easement. The affected trees have been marked with ribbons. We may hire our own certified appraiser at the expense of ATC. Compensation was also addressed concerning access to the area and the closing of the park area when the installation of the tower is being done. ATC will be responsible for replacing any damage to the park drive since it is the best access for their equipment.

Motion to accept the amount of \$11,300 based on upon review of appraisal, cap on certified appraiser \$500.00 Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 5-0

8. Discussion and possible decision on archery hunting in Jefferson County Parks

Nehmer discussed the results of the survey that was posted on the County Website regarding archery hunting in the county parks, and reported on comments of the open house which was held on October 29, 2008.

**Motion to disallow hunting at this time in the Jefferson County Parks
Babcock/Kramer, carried 4-1, Kuhlman abstained**

9. Request and possible decision to have a public snowmobile trail at Dorothy Carnes County Park – Larry Chwala

Chwala, Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance, requested a snowmobile trail be allowed to go through Dorothy Carnes County Park between Radloff Lane and the shelter.

Motion to deny snowmobile trials going through Dorothy Carnes County Park Kuhlman/Babcock, carried 4-1 Kramer No

10. Discussion and possible decision on Wisconsin K9 SOS Search & Rescue request

Stanger discussed letter received from the Wisconsin K9 SOS Search & Rescue requesting they hold an off leash training session in Jefferson County Bicentennial Dog Park, Dorothy Carnes County Park, or Carlin Weld Park. Considering the no off leash rules at the county parks and the natural areas, except for Bicentennial Dog Park, the committee decided since our parks are of a natural nature they wouldn't be suitable for off leash use, except the Bicentennial Dog Park.

Motion to allow them to set up a designated area outside the fenced in areas at the Bicentennial Dog Park, at our discretion, with well advanced notice and we post notice at the dog park and we show them the area they can use. Kuhlman/Nass carried 5-0

11. Discussion and possible decision on request for a community garden at Korth Park

Stanger reported she has received emails from the Lake Mills area residents inquiring about establish a community garden at Korth Park. The committee agreed to look into the request and will have staff look at areas in the park to see if there is a suitable area where a garden could be established.

12. Discussion and possible decision on selecting a vendor for updating the Jefferson County Bike Plan.

Nehmer reported we received 4 good proposals. He has reviewed them along with John Raub, from the Jefferson County Bike Club, Steve Grabow, and John McKenzie, a long time leader in the Jefferson County Bike Club and we all agree that Schrieber-Anderson Associates is the strongest one.

Motion to accept Schrieber-Anderson Associates bid for the updating of The Jefferson County Bike Plan, Nass/Kuhlman, carried 5-0

13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area – John Pohlman

Pohlman, Department of Natural Resources, went over their draft plan that they will be presenting to their board. Pohlman presented a draft map on how the Glacial Heritage Area will come together linking protected areas, and proposed land acquisitions and facility developments.

14. Update on Dorothy Carnes County Park Master Planning Process

Nehmer reported there is a meeting tomorrow evening at the museum in Fort Atkinson. Nehmer reported he had a telephone conversation with the City of Fort Atkinson and they are very interested in bike trails connecting Fort Atkinson with Carnes Park and they would like multiple connections going out Hoard Road and up Banker Road.

15. Update on park projects

Nehmer reported on projects being completed this past month, bike paving has been done and striped, the Lower Rock Lake parking lot has been paved and striped, the dog park is essentially done with the exception of some of the support buildings. It was decided the new dog park areas will be open as soon as work is completed and a grand opening will be held in the Spring of 2009. Garman work is being completed, debris has been picked up, forestry mowing done and are scheduled to start today with tree cutting and trails and now with the snow it has been delayed.

16. Correspondence

Nehmer reported a sledding hill was requested at Korth Park they are out there all the time and would like the Parks Department to open it up, the staff have already taken care of this request. Nehmer distributed pictures showing damage to trees by deer at Korth Park, a picture of the handicap garden plot being completed out at the Community Gardens and a picture of a compost station which was built. Also, reported on a \$100 donation to the Glacial River Trail.

17. Set Tentative next meeting date/time: Friday, January 9th, at 8:30am – Room 202

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:04 Borland/Nass, carried 4-0