

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
November 3, 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 1:04 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Kramer, Nass, Babcock, Absent: Kuhlman. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Petre, Schmeling, Ristow, David, Shanahan, Grabow
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting

**Motion to approve the October 6, 2008 minutes Nass/Kramer,
carried 4-0**

6. Public Comment - None
7. Jefferson County Emergency Communications (JCEC) Park Patrol Update – Lance Shanahan

Shanahan gave a brief talk on his organizations activities throughout the parks system. Shanahan stated hours have been down this summer due to the JCEC helping out with the flooding problem and other events in the county. They are training more members to do park security in hopes they will be able to donate more hours to the parks system in the coming years.

8. Comprehensive planning presentation/GHA is key component – Steve Grabow

Grabow reported on Glacial Heritage Area draft plan being prepared by the Department of Natural Resource and are moving to have the draft plan ready for presentation to the full Department of Natural Resources Board in early spring of 2009. Grabow also reported on the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan sponsored by Economic Development and reported on the three focus points for Jefferson County which are:

1. Home grown businesses
 2. Enterprising agriculture
 3. Small town magnetism
9. 2009 budget process and status report

Nehmer reported on the budget process. Nass discussed his proposal for the Parks Department to cut monies out of the Parks budget:

1. Restore funding for 2 seasonal workers
2. \$53,200 given up from Korth – keep \$18,000 for sidewalk and handicap accessibilities and other capital improvements will be done in steps through the next couple of years.
3. \$10,000 given up from Garman – keep \$10,000
4. Finish Lower Rock Lake Parking Lot

Motion to support Nass’ proposal made by Babcock/Nass carried 4-0

10. Update on Dorothy Carnes County Park Master Planning Process

Nehmer reported the planning process is moving along and there is a lot of good ideas being offered by the committee.

11. Update on park projects

Nehmer reported the repaving of the Glacial River Trail has been completed and are now focusing on the new addition to the dog park which should be completed sometime in November. Also reported Korth Shelter kitchen is near completion with the installation of appliances. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need for the warming oven in the kitchen.

Motion to eliminate the warming oven made by Borland/Nass, carried 4-0.

12. Authorize staff to prepare board resolution to approve low bidder(s) for Garman Project

Nehmer discussed the bids received for the Garman Project.

Motion to approve low bids for the Garman Project Nass/Borland, carried 4-0

13. Discuss Pulling Together Initiative (PTI)

Nehmer reported he was invited to join the first meeting of PTI which objective is to create a cooperative group with their main purpose of restoring land back to prairie, Oak Savannah and Oak Woodland. We do not have the time to devote to

this as a department but with a group applying for grants together would work well for us. The grants would come from such organizations as USDA Plant and Animal, USDA Land Management, and USDA Forestry, etc.

14. Discuss STH 26 bicycle project

Nehmer reported on the bicycle project which is a major bike enhancement in Jefferson County which will be a separated grade trail from Fort Atkinson to through Jefferson and part of the way to Johnson Creek and to High Road. The Department of Natural Resources is funding the building of the trail. David reported there will be cost on our part with questions on up keep, mowing and these issues all need to be worked out with the DNR before they will go a head with the project. The county will have to work together with other areas in the county to determine who will share costs regarding up keep of the trail once it is completed.

15. Discuss Glacial Drumlin to Cambridge Trail report

Nehmer reported this is the report Margaret Burlingham has worked on and discussed where the trail is going to go. This will be one of the first segments of the Glacial Heritage Area.

16. Discuss Jefferson County Bike Plan Proposals

The proposals are in and we are reviewing them now and hope to make a decision by the end of the month.

17. Correspondence

- a. Archery Hunting informational meeting, November 5th at UWEX
- b. Friday, October 17, 2008 Article, "Modern Woodmen Plant Trees", Daily Jefferson County Union
- c. Bike Trail Donation

18. Set Tentative next meeting date/time: December 1, 2008, 1:00pm – Room 202

19. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S19.85 (1)(E), STATUTES, for the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public properties

Motion to convene into closed session at 2:47 p.m. Babcock/Nass, carried 4-0.

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

Motion to reconvene in open session at 2:52 p.m. Babcock/Nass, carried 4-0.

21. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:25 pm Borland/Nass, carried 4-0.