

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549**  
**ROOM 202**  
**April 1, 2008 @ 8:30 a.m.**

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Amy Kramer, Rick Kuhlman, John Molinaro

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Borland at 8:35a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Molinaro. Others present were: Nehmer, Schmeling, Stanger, Milbrath Brown, Hoeft, Dallman, Grabow, Pohlman, Miller

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting

**Motion to approve March 4, 2008 minutes. Kuhlman/Molinaro, carried 5-0**

6. Public Comment – None

7. Law Enforcement County Parks (Sheriff Milbrath – Captain Brown)

Brown passed around the new citations for the Dog Park and will be starting up patrol in the Dog Park and will run a press release to notice this in the paper. Milbrath reported on Kanow that the activity has been low there due to the traffic studies being done in the area and the flooding in the park. The JCEC's have already started their patrols in the area because this is the time of year when the most vandalism is done and will be keeping close watch.

8. Request to cut trees and relocate utilities in Korth Park – Perry Miller

Miller reported he is the owner of Miller Land Development Corp. and is in the process of buying the Rasmussen Trust Property adjacent to Korth Park. He is requesting permission to cut down a line of trees between the properties and bury the electric line. The conditions of the trees being pruned from the electric lines aren't good and he would replace the trees if he were able to cut them and bury the electric lines. He would like to work on this with the Parks Department. The

committee expressed that he should work with Hoeft, Park Operations Supervisor and report back to the committee.

9. Request for permit to use top of the hill at Korth Park for Ares/Races Field Day Saturday, June 28 thru Sunday June 29, 2008

Nehmer requested permission from the committee to grant a permit to the Ares/Races Field day on Saturday, June 28 thru Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> for a field exercise.

**Motion to give the Ares/Races Field Day permission to stay over in the park Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with a liability waiver included. Babcock/Kuhlman, carried 0-5**

10. Discussion and possible decision on Jefferson County Bike Trail rerouting CTH B

Nehmer reported that the committee has visited this problem before and agreed it would be a good thing, but the time and money to put into a study of the area are not available at this time for such a big project. The Parks Committee will take no action on this at this time.

11. Update on Glacial River Bike Trail agreement violation – Enbridge Energy Inc.

Nehmer reported movements across the bike trail that are in violation of our agreement with Enbridge Energy Inc. and have been in contact with them and they have stated they will make the trail whole after the project is completed. They have now covered the trail over with iron plate; have ramps coming up with rail road ties and a flag man posted. Dallman will check periodically to make sure they are keeping up their commitment and going by the agreement.

12. Discussion and possible decision on Korth Park Shelter parking concepts – Steve Hoeft

Hoeft presented a map showing the proposed parking areas for the Korth Park Shelter. He estimates parking for 50-55 cars in different areas of the park. The nearest and largest lot, located approximately 75 to 80 feet from the shelter, will hold about 40-45 vehicles. The final area will be plotted out once the pole building is removed and more accurate measurements can be made.

13. Discussion on potential development projects adjacent to County Park Lands

Nehmer discussed the topic of residential development adjacent to our parks. To protect our parks from these developments we need to have either an amendment to our Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan and work with Zoning to come up with a plan that when these proposals come up they immediately get red flagged and will have to work with the Parks Department on some type of

buffer around the park before it can go further with their development. This would protect right from the beginning of the development so we would not have the problems we have had in the past.

14. Discussion and possible decision on addressing safety issues at the intersection of Banker Road and Jones Lane

Nehmer reported this has been a big issue in the past and now would be the time to move ahead and suggested we go back to the Town of Jefferson with our concerns.

15. Discussion and possible decision on Dog Park fund raiser – Jane Stanger

Stanger reported members of the Dog Park have made suggestions regarding fund raisers for the park, suggestions of selling coffee and donuts out at the park on a weekend morning and also a calendar of dogs out at the park to sell. Peggy Sundquist, Volunteer Coordinator will look into the possibilities of doing these fundraisers.

16. Peggy Sundquist Volunteer Coordinator report

Sundquist reported on her volunteer activities and scheduled activities throughout the parks.

17. Discussion and possible decision on Dorothy Carnes County Park telescope for viewing deck

Nehmer reported the Parks Department has been receiving funds from the Wally Miller Memorial and talking with the family. It was decided to look into buying a permanent telescope for the Dorothy Carnes Viewing Deck. A few samples of scopes were presented to look at. The Committee will continue to look into the purchasing of a scope.

18. Discuss current park projects and operations

Hoelt reported on the status of projects he is doing, Korth Shelter Project, Dog Park expansion, widening of the bike trail, shore line planting and Garman activities. Bids are out for the projects and will be ready to start as the areas dry out. Dallman reported it still has been a busy month with snow removal and in between the crews are doing park clean up and tree limbs removal. They have done some clean up out at the Dog Park, cleaning up around the fence lines etc.

19. Glacial Heritage Area update – John Pohlman

Pohlman from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources presented a power point program to the committee on the Glacial Heritage Area Project.

After the presentation the committee discussed presenting the presentation to the County Board and how and when would be the right time to present this. It was decided the Parks Committee will look into marketing this project to get the word out not only to the County Board but the whole community.

20. Correspondence

a. \$500 donation from Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital for the Bike and Pedestrian Plan update

Nehmer reported on the donation from the Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital for the Bike and Pedestrian Plan update. Stanger gave an up date on Dog Park donations.

21, Set tentative next meeting date/time: May 6, 2008, 8:30a.m.—Room 202

22. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Kuhlman/Borland, carried 5-0**