

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
May 5, 2008 @ 8:30 a.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 8:30a.m.

2. Committee members present included: Chairman Borland, Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman. Others present were: Nehmer, Schmeling, Stanger, Brown, Hoeft, Walz, Kilian, Burlingham, Linton. Absent: Nass

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

4. Introduction of Steve Nass, new committee member.

Not in attendance

5. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

6. Review Board Rules Related to the committee

Schmeling reviewed the Board Rules related to the committee.

7. Minutes of the April 1, 2008 meeting

Motion to approve April 1, 2008 minutes. Kuhlman/Kramer, carried 5-0

8. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Schmeling held election of officers:

Motion was made by Babcock/Kuhlman to select Glen Borland as chair of the Parks Committee – motion carried 3-0

Borland continued election of officers after being appointed chair of the Parks Committee.

Motion was made by Babcock/Kramer to select Rick Kuhlman as vice-chair of the Parks Committee – motion carried 3-0

Motion was made by Kuhlman/Babcock to select Amy Kramer as secretary of the Parks Committee – motion carried 3-0

9. Public Comment

Mary Linton, resident of Fort Atkinson and member of the Friends of Rose Lake commented on the draft plan of the Fort Atkinson Comprehensive Plan and her concerns on how this plan would affect the area of Rose Lake.

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

Brown reported on law enforcement activities out at the Dog Park

11. Request to consider archery hunting in the Jefferson County Parks System— discussion and possible decision – Wisconsin Department of Natural Sources

Dave Walz, Conservation Warden and Charlie Killian, Wildlife Biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requested the committee's consideration of possibly allowing archery hunting for deer and possibly turkey in the larger county parks.

12. Discussion and possible decision on Dorothy Carnes County Park Master Plan Structure and Implementation – Margaret Burlingham

Burlingham discussed the process of the first phase of the master plan and getting together a steering committee to work on the plan.

13. Glacial Drumlin Trail to Cambridge update initiative

Nehmer reported on the three routes they have designed for the route and are deciding which will be the most compatible route. They have decided that the east route on the map is the very desirable with the Glacial Heritage Area Concept and will be working on that further with securing grants etc.

14. Update on Carol Liddle Fund and other park funds

Nehmer reported on the amount of funds in the Carol Liddle Fund and other park funds.

15. Discuss potential park and trail preservation strategies – Michelle Staff

Michelle Staff, Zoning Technician, Zoning Department discussed options of protecting land adjacent to our county parks, and how we could work with the Zoning Department to address this and by rewriting our Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan and the County General Land Use Plan to address these issues.

16. Discuss and potentially decide on a date for a tour of the Dog Park Addition

A date of May 16, 2008 at 8:15 was decided on to tour the Dog Park Addition

17. Discussion and possible decision regarding a wedding request at Hearty Gardens, at the Mason Farm

Nehmer discussed a request to have a wedding in 2009 at Mason Farm. Due to the fact that the park is under development the request was denied.

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

Schmeling reported she has talked to the Town of Jefferson Chairman, and he agreed that they would be open to looking at a joint repair of the road. They have already used up their whole budget for highway from the heavy snow fall and would discuss it at the 2009 budget, if money is left over they would meet with the county and discuss the road repair.

19. Discussion and possible decision on County Park signing

Nehmer discussed the need to adopt a uniform style for the Jefferson County Parks and presented examples of signs from other county parks in the area. It was decided a committee would be established to research signs and come back with their suggestions.

20. Discuss Current park projects and operations

Hoefl reported on progress of the Korth Shelter, and the dog park addition. Also reported in Dallman's absence spring maintenance is moving in full force and noted Dallman's report in the packet.

21. Glacial Heritage Area update

Nehmer gave an update of the proposed Glacial Heritage Area and explained the conservation parks/areas being considered for the project.

22. Correspondence

Nehmer updated the committee on his phone conversation with Town of Sumner to acquire Busseyville Park and he and Corporate Council are getting the paperwork together for the transfer of ownership.

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

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

25. Set tentative next meeting date/time: June 2, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – Room 202

26. Adjourn