

AGENDA
JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 South Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson WI 53549
March 3, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Ed Morse, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of the February 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes
7. Communications
 - a. Makes Us Want to Shout!, Jefferson County Daily Union, December 12, 2013
 - b. Bike Club Donation Photo, Jefferson County LIVING, January 31, 2014
 - c. Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair, Jefferson County Living, January 31, 2014
 - d. Heart of the City Honors Parks Chief Nehmer, Jefferson County Daily Union, February 14-16, 2014
8. Presentation on Rock River Corridor Inventory and Analysis Report from UW Landscape Architecture Student Stefan Golos and Professor Steve Grabow.
9. Discussion and Possible Decision on Handicap Fishing Wharf on Blackhawk Island Road, Town of Sumner
10. Discussion and Possible Decision on Annual Snowmobile Resolution
11. Discussion and Possible Decision on Wisconsin DOT TAP Grant Applications
12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Offer to Plow Snow on the Glacial Drumlin Trail
13. Discussion and Possible Decision on Camping Policy and Procedures
14. Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget
 - a. Carry forward requests
 - b. Final Budget Status
15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Watertrails Map
16. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project
17. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: April 7, 2014 at 1:00 pm
18. Adjourn

The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101, 24 hours prior to the meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Ed Morse, Augie Tietz

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Committee members present: Kelly, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Phil Ristow, Bob Bennett (JCSA), Cheryl Housley, WI DNR, Pam Phalen, WI DNR, Rachel Fuhrman.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:** - In compliance.
4. **Review of the Agenda:** Approved as written.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Approval of the January 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**
Motion to approve the January 6, 2014 minutes with the addition of word "funded" added in number 9 was made by Tietz, seconded by Kelly. Nass abstained. Molinaro voted. Motion carried, 3-0.
7. **Communications:**
Buchholz stated that these items were distributed in the packet. The originals were circulated around the meeting room for member's information.
 - a. Crawfish River Park Meets Goal, Daily Union, January 6, 2014
 - i. Ristow commented that we have received the deed. The property now belongs to Jefferson County.
 - b. Picture of Dorothy Carnes Park, Daily Union
 - c. Roahens Commission Sculpture for Fort Bike Trail, Daily Union, 1/27/14
 - d. "My Favorite Tree" Pictures
 - e. Jefferson County Bike Club Donation, January 18, 2014
 - f. Photo on Outboarders' Donation, Watertown Daily Times, 1/13/14
 - g. Jefferson Community Foundation Raising Funds for New Park, Rock River Reflections newsletter
 - h. Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair, Rock River Reflections newsletter
 - i. Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair Invite
 - j. Jefferson County Parks on Youtube

8. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Administrative Fees Charged to the Snowmobile Program Grant:**

Nehmer reviewed the committee meeting minutes from September 6, 2011 that were included in the agenda packet.

The department also checked with other counties as well as the WI DNR; all are charging an administrative fee to the program. Kelly encouraged partnership with the Snowmobile Alliance and shared his concerns for continuing to charge a fee to the program. Kelly asked if there were additional items that the county could do to assist with the map production. The snowmobile map is updated and reprinted every two years; it is coordinated and paid for by the Alliance. Kelly also asked if the department could partner with the Alliance to GPS the trails so that they could be better utilized.

The question that needs to be answered today is whether the committee would like the department to continue charging an administrative fee to the program? Discussion occurred.

Nass made a motion to continue to charge an administrative fee to the snowmobile program, seconded by Tietz. Motion approved; 4-0.

Note: Morse joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m. during this agenda item discussion.

9. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Former Watertown Outboarders' Property:**

Nehmer introduced Cheryl Housley and Pam Phalen with the WI DNR. Housley summarized the planning meeting information that has taken place. The WI DNR has cleaned up the property. The Outboarders' have donated \$25,000 for a pier on the property. They are currently working with a DNR engineer on the design of the pier and are looking to collaborate with the County on their pier projects. Housley indicated that there are currently some hazards on the property and therefore it is not open to the public. The electrical service lines hang rather low. The WI DNR also no longer allows the snowmobile trail to go through the property because they do not want the snowmobilers accessing the river from the property.

The WI DNR has provided the county with a draft MOU for management of the site. They would like to see that in place for the site. WI DNR has concerns about the long-term use of the building due to the state of the building as well as its location within the floodplain. All the reclamation work on the property needs to be completed by June 30, 2016. They have reviewed the GHA MOU and will continue to do so. The Natural Resources Board was clear that there should be an implementation plan.

Tietz asked who would manage the property, the County or WI DNR? Housley commented that the WI DNR does not have staff to manage the building.

Nehmer commented that he has conducted a literature search. The County is looking at the site as more of a County Park site while the WI DNR is looking at the property as a river access site. A river access site includes a road, parking, boat launch, shoreline restoration, restoration of the lagoon area, and green space. Some discussion occurred as to whether the building could be moved to a different location either on the property or off property. The committee has looked at the property and there are a lot of options on the table.

Further discussion occurred. The WI DNR has started the permit process to allow two-way traffic on the entrance road. Wehmeier asked if a request for information could be sought by the county to determine if an interest exists within the community and what type of business ventures may be appropriate for the building. Housley commented that the use needs to have reasonable parameters. Phalen commented that the WI DNR needs to determine what the allowable uses of the building would be with its location within the flood plain. Molinaro commented that this may provide a revenue stream for the department. Ristow commented that in order for the County to continue with the building there would need to be a business venture that would be more than break even. Molinaro asked the department to invite a member of the Outboarders' to address the committee as to how they operated the building.

Nehmer asked the WI DNR to research the viable uses of the building and report back to the department on what options are available. Nehmer and the committee thanked Housley and Phalen for coming to the meeting.

10. Discussion and Possible Decision on Fat Tire Bike Usage in the Parks System:

Wiesmann distributed a draft Fat Tire Bike policy to committee members. Wiesmann further explained that this policy allows the department to start using fat tire bikes on our trail system. Wiesmann did a test run at Carnes Park and has researched the use through a literature search as well as contacting other departments and the WI DNR. The department feels that this is a feasible option as a recreational activity within our parks system. Nehmer described the trail corridor would be groomed for Nordic skiing on the left and then groomed for all others – fat tire bikes, snowshoeing and hiking – on the right. Dane County has trails groomed in this manner that seems to be working. Dane County is also seeing increased usage of fat tire bikes.

Kelly expressed concern over ruining the trails. Wiesmann explained that he believes the majority of the use will stem from rentals at the local bike shop. Trail deterioration will be monitored and communicated at the park as well as with the local bike shop for rentals. Discussion occurred. The Department is recommending that we proceed with the policy and feel it out for a year to determine the popularity and demand.

Nass made a motion to approve the Fat Tire Bike Policy at this point and have it reviewed in one year, seconded by Kelly. Motion approved, unanimous.

11. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Amendment of the Dog Park Rules to Allow Rabies Vaccination/License Waiver as a Condition of Park Access:**

Nehmer explained that the department has received a request from Rachel Fuhrman to allow her dog to utilize the dog park although he is not vaccinated rabies due to a medical condition. Nehmer introduced Rachel Fuhrman to the committee. Fuhrman explained that she does have a rabies waiver from her veterinarian. Fuhrman is a trainer at Best Paws and always recommends the dog park. She thanked the committee for the park. She stated that rabies waivers are very rare; this is only the second one she is aware of within her career. She explained that the licensing of the dog is up to the municipality. She is currently having issues with licensing her dog with the City of Muskego.

Ristow stated that he believes the City of Muskego is misreading the law. Ristow distributed an email from Laura Challoner, the dog park attendant. The law states that a veterinarian can waive the rabies vaccine and they have that right. Fuhrman has that waiver. Challoner, our dog park attendant, is recommending that we allow Rachel and her dog to obtain a dog tag to utilize the park.

Kelly stated that he spoke with another vet and they were not of the same opinion and this was not a good idea.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Morse, to allow the rabies waiver. Discussion occurred. Kelly stated that this decision is setting precedence.

Nass amended the motion. Motion by Nass, seconded by Morse, to allow this waiver of license requirement in this particular instance due to receipt of a letter signed by a veterinarian stating the dog cannot be vaccinated for rabies. Motion approved. Kelly voted no.

12. **Update on 2013 Parks Department Budget:**

Nehmer reviewed the status of the 2013 budget. Everything looks good. Comment was made that within the snowmobile grant business unit a journal entry needs to be completed so that all expenses are shown correctly.

13. **Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project:**

Nehmer reviewed the handouts that were distributed to the committee in their agenda packet. Discussion occurred.

14. **Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for Next Meeting:** March 3, 2014 at 1 p.m.

15. **Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Nass, seconded by Morse, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Makes us want to shout!

They say that no news is good news, but not here at the Daily Union. Many of the people we cover are doing great things for Jefferson County, and they keep us busy telling their positive stories.

Today, we'd like to continue our new "tradition" of offering an editorial "shout out" when something is particularly noteworthy. It's similar to the "Orchids and Onions" columns in other newspapers, except our "orchid" is the "shout out" and "onion" is a "shout at." Readers with nominations may email them to cspangler@dailyunion.com.

So, today we wish to give much-deserved shout outs to:

- Residents, government officials, businesspersons and everyone else in Jefferson County, which on Nov. 12 reached the milestone of having collected 2 million pounds of electronic waste over three years. Universal Recycling Technologies in Janesville recycles all residential and school e-waste brought to collection sites in Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Ixonia and Waterloo Utilities. Hitting the 2 million-pound benchmark is particularly impressive since ours is a rural county. And we also should mention that since 2012, Jefferson County has collected nearly 200,000 pounds of appliances ... another monumental milestone. Keep it up!

- The Fort Atkinson Farmer's and Art Market and the Merchants' Holiday Open House, which drew thousands of people to the city's downtown district last Saturday. Despite the cold, folks turned out in droves to peruse the wonderful wares presented by 75-plus vendors and shop for great holiday gifts at their local retailers. It seemed that everyone we saw trudging up and down Main Street had a shopping bag in hand and a smile on the face. And the traffic ... all parking stalls were filled and we saw traffic jams the likes of which we haven't seen since before the Highway 26 bypass was built! Kudos to everyone and don't forget to keep on shopping at home!

- The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors for rejecting a tempting offer for a piece of land being considered for a new county park along the Crawfish River. A "friends" group has until Dec. 31 to come up with the \$56,000 to pay the state Department of Transportation for the 17.5 acres of land off U.S. Highway 18 west of Jefferson; however, a neighbor just offered that amount for the most pristine four acres of that chunk of land. On Tuesday, the board voted 20-9 against accepting the neighbor's offer, making good on its promise to the "friends" and not pulling the grass out from under them, as it were, before the deadline is up. A thumb's up to the 20 who kept their word to the fundraising volunteers. If the

money can't be raised, we're sure the neighbor still will be wanting to buy the land.

- The organizers of the Fort Atkinson, Whitewater, Jefferson, Helenville and Palmyra holiday parades. One might think that cold weather would deter people from sitting on a curb to watch the parade pass them by, but it obviously doesn't. The many lighted parades taking place in November and December have been well attended and it seems that the number of floats and participants grows every year. No doubt the parades get everyone in a festive holiday mood, and they are a great venue at which to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to town. Great job, everybody!

- Nora Wichman, an 11-year-old fifth-grade student at Jefferson's East Elementary School, who is organizing the Furry Friends 5K run/walk. The event, slated for May 31, 2014, at Jefferson County Fair Park, will benefit the Humane Society of Jefferson County as it builds its new animal shelter. It's great to see community service at so young an age!

- The Whitewater Unified School District, whose core values have been included in the new second edition of "The Handbook for SMART School Teams" from Solution Tree publishing. A guide for schools and educators across the nation as they set goals and objectives, it was written by Whitewater education consultant Anne Konzemius and co-author Jan O'Neill. By the way, Whitewater's core values relate to respect for diversity, leadership and service, strong community, high expectations, responsible planning and students being the top priority. Congrats! before we go, we must give a loud shout at:

- The sign-language interpreter on stage at the late Nelson Mandela's globally broadcast memorial service who really wasn't an interpreter at all. Advocates for the deaf say the man, standing just a yard away from President Barack Obama and scores of other heads of state in the South Africa soccer stadium, waved his arms and moved his hands, without apparent meaning, and used virtually no facial expressions to convey the often emotional speeches of the leaders. If that's not bad enough, apparently he did the same thing at an event last year and was the subject of a formal complaint submitted to the governing African National Congress party. Nothing apparently was done then, enabling him to show up to make a mockery of Tuesday's solemn occasion. How the man even got through security at the Mandela memorial prompts a lot of questions that need to be answered. Stay tuned.

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BIKE CLUB DONATION

Pictured L to R: Joe Nehmer (left), Jefferson County Parks Department accepts a donation from Dan Bolger (middle) and John Raub (right) of the Jefferson County Bicycle Club to provide signage for the Glacial River Trail. The historic club will re-launch on February 16 at 3 p.m. with an open house, member sign-up and board elections. Event location to be finalized - follow the 2 Rivers Bicycle and Outdoor Facebook page (www.2riversbicycle.com and click on the Facebook icon) or contact the Fort Atkinson store at (920) 563-2222 for more information.

Glacial Heritage area Winter Fair

The Friends of Glacial Heritage Area are hosting the first Glacial Heritage Area Winter Fair on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the newly-opened Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility, 760 McKay Way in Waterloo. The free event focuses on nature and recreation in the Glacial Heritage Area (GHA), the network of trails and water trails linking wildlife areas, parks and communities in greater Jefferson County. All are welcome, and reservations are not necessary. Visit glacialheritagearea.org for an event flyer.

Breakfast, animal casting and tracks activities for children

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with free muffins, donuts and beverages, followed by activities for children starting at 9:15 a.m. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Professor George Clokey will present animal tracks and skull exhibits, demonstrate snow tracking and lead children in casting their own wolf track. This knowledge also helps people who want to know what kind of resources to put out for wildlife that is being attracted to their backyards.

Free ski clinic and fat bike demo; ski and snowshoe

At 10 a.m., 2Rivers Bicycle and Outdoor of Watertown and Fort Atkinson will run a free cross-country ski clinic (classic style) and winter fat bike demonstration on the groomed trail behind the Facility. Bring your own skis, or call ahead to rent skis from 2Rivers in Watertown (920) 261-4400 or Fort Atkinson (920) 563-2222. Rentals must be picked up on the way to the event.

Trails will be groomed by Jefferson County Parks Department staff for visitors to enjoy classic style skiing and snowshoeing all day. Try the Facility trail as well as the wooded trail at Garman Nature Preserve, less than half a mile away. Stop back at the Trailhead Facility anytime to warm up and enjoy a snack and Winter Fair exhib-

Amy E. Arntson will display and answer questions related to her watercolor paintings of wave patterns in water. Inspired by light and movement, her paintings at one moment look photo-realistic and in the next expressionistic. Arntson is a renowned artist from Lake Mills, displaying works in public collections throughout the region and the world.

Faville Grove Sanctuary: history and public use

At 11 a.m., Matt Weber, Faville Grove Sanctuary Land Steward for Madison Audubon Society, will share the history and public use opportunities at Faville Grove Sanctuary. This 605-acre Sanctuary, located

near Lake Mills, seeks to protect and expand upon Faville Prairie State Natural Area, the world's first publicly-protected prairie saved by the efforts of Aldo Leopold in the 1940s. Today, it is home to rare plant species and a large variety of grassland and wetland birds.

The Friends of Glacial Heritage Area organize hikes, paddling trips, bird-watching excursions, bike rides, picnics, habitat restoration work days and other events throughout the year to get people interested in trails, recreation and wildlife. Visit glacialheritagearea.org for upcoming events or contact friendsofgha@gmail.com to join the GHA mailing list.

Heart of City honors parks chief Nehmer

By Ryan Whisner
Union regional editor

Heart of the City has presented Jefferson County Parks Department director Joe Nehmer with its ninth annual Lue Ehinger Big Heart Award.

The Valentine's Day award recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that demonstrate "heart" for the community and exemplify the tenets of Heart of the City's mission to encourage sustainable development, the preservation of existing and treasured civic characteristics, and active participation of the citizenry.

Nehmer was recognized Thursday for his work in protecting and providing access to special outdoor places close to home throughout Jefferson County.

Never one to seek out the

spotlight, he was humbled by the honor.

"They have given the award to one person, but as I've said before, our successes are the results of a lot of different people working together," Nehmer said. "Community leaders, activists that support a better quality of life, not only in Fort Atkinson, but countywide."

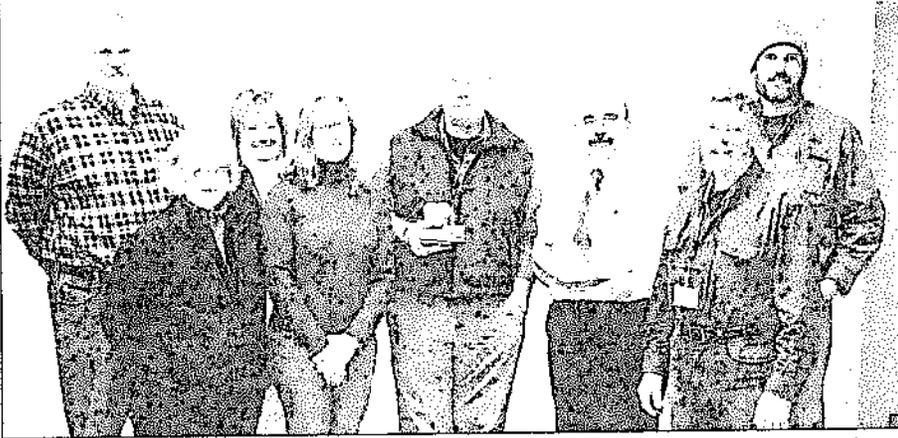
He said that in his mind, citizens have been the leaders behind the accomplishments of the county Parks Department.

"We in the Parks Department have had the really high honor of working with a number of people through the years that give of themselves so freely to make the community better," Nehmer said. "It is all those people we network with on a daily basis and we have in the past who are really deserving of

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HEART TO HEART — Heart of the City on Thursday presented Jefferson County Parks Director Joe Nehmer with its ninth annual Lue Ehinger Big Heart Award. The award was given in recognition of his work in protecting and providing access to special outdoor places close to home throughout Jefferson County. The Valentine's Day award recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that demonstrate "heart" for the community and exemplify the tenets of Heart of the City's mission. Shown above, Heart of the City President Cynthia Ficene and representative Walt Christensen present Jefferson County Parks Department director Joe Nehmer, center, with the traveling award and a heart-shaped box of chocolates. A related photo appears on page 5. View all photos at www.dailyunion.com.



BIG HEART — Jefferson County Parks Department director Joe Nehmer was recognized with the Heart of the City 2014 Lue Ehinger Big Heart Award Thursday. It was presented in recognition of his work in protecting and providing access to special outdoor places close to home throughout Jefferson County. The Valentine's Day award recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that demonstrate "heart" for the community and exemplify the tenets of Heart of the City's mission. Pictured above, parks staff and supervisors gather to recognize Nehmer's recognition. From left, they are Supervisor Steve Nass, Heart of the City and parks supporter Frankie Fuller, parks program assistant Kim Buchholz, Heart of the City President Cynthia Ficeneac, Nehmer, Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Chairman John Molinaro, Heart of the City representative and county Supervisor Walt Christensen and parks operations supervisor Kevin Wiesmann. A related photo and story appear on page 5. View all photos at www.dailyinjon.com. Daily Union photo by Ryan Whisner.

Heart of City salutes parks chief Nehmer

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the award."

Heart of the City President Cynthia Ficeneac nominated Nehmer due to his hard work exemplifying Heart of the City's effort to work toward preserving existing and treasured civic characteristics in the community.

Throughout Jefferson County, Nehmer has been the driving force in building relationships with organizations, donors and government agencies in support of continued development of the county's park system.

She noted that he has worked for Jefferson County for more than 30 years and is lauded by colleagues for his patience and persistence to win over county board approval on projects such as the Jefferson County Dog Park and the Glacial River Bike Trail. Both projects initially viewed with some skepticism and now are among the most popular attractions in the county.

His many accomplishments include developing the Glacial River Bike Trail through Fort Atkinson and later connecting it to Jefferson and Watertown; creating the Jefferson County Dog Park; and adding the Mason Farm property to Dorothy Carnes County Park, where campsites were developed in 2013 and an historic cabin is being renovated.

It was suggestions made by members of what would become the Jefferson County Bicycle Club that a bike path be

included in development of the then-planned State Highway 26 bypass of Fort Atkinson. With assistance from others, Nehmer was able to assist in getting the title of the former railroad line to Jefferson County, ultimately leading to development of the first leg of the Glacial River Trail. Through various partnerships and continued efforts by bicycle advocates, the trail now extends from the Rock County to the Dodge County line along the Highway 26 corridor, with a few breaks along low-use roadways.

Ficeneac noted that the Jefferson County Dog Park opened in 2003, the park, located just off Highway 26 in the Town of Aztalan between Jefferson and Johnson Creeks, has become one of the county's most-loved outdoor recreational areas, drawing visitors from well beyond the county's borders and playing an important role in the lives of both two- and four-legged animals.

Today, the park remains the most heavily used recreation space in the county park system, and it consistently is regarded as one of the best dog parks in the state and even nation. In 2010, Dog Fancy magazine ranked the park in the Top 40 on its list of the nation's best dog parks, and the number one park in Wisconsin.

Continuing, Ficeneac said Nehmer has been a driving force behind the Glacial Heritage Area concept that will result in a network of large, natural resource-oriented parks,

interconnecting trails and bike paths, expanded hunting and wildlife viewing areas and new river-based public access sites in the greater Jefferson County area.

The network of parks had been referred to as a "string of pearls," one of which is Dorothy Carnes Park.

She cited a portion of the park that was added that includes the Mason log home.

The 160-year-old homestead was discovered in 2004, preserved by a farmhouse that had been built around it. It has been inventoried, photographed, labeled, dismantled and stored in a secure building, but the work has just begun.

Following restoration, it initially was slated to be used as an educational museum.

While calling attention to Nehmer's contributions, Ficeneac said Heart of the City noted that credit also goes to all the staff of the Jefferson County Parks Department. She presented the award to him Thursday, along with a heart-shaped box of chocolates.

Jefferson County Board Chairman John Molinaro was pleased to hear of Nehmer's recognition.

"For the last 10 years that I've been working with Joe, he has been tireless in finding ways to improve the quality of life for people not just in Fort Atkinson, but throughout the whole county," he said. "I can't think of anybody that is more deserving for such an award than Joe is."

There were many strong contenders for the recognition, which in 2009 was renamed the Lue Ehinger Big Heart Award in honor of a member who had a colossal heart, Ficeneac said, adding that there were three other nominees.

"Marie Nelson, the Dwight Foster Public Library and Jim Varah are all deserving of accolades for their contributions to our community," she said.

According to Ficeneac, the staff of the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson was nominated for always being friendly and helpful and adding to the experience of every library visit.

Continuing, she said Nelson,

owner of Velveten Rabbit Bookshop and Guest House, was nominated for providing a warm and welcoming business presence to both Fort Atkinson residents and visitors seeking comfortable lodging or to satiate their literary cravings. Located at 20 E. Sherman Ave., the Velveten Rabbit Bookshop has been in downtown Fort Atkinson since December 1994.

Ficeneac said Varah was nominated for his work with the Friends of Hammerson's Pond, a group formed in 2013 to raise funds for the construction of a timber-frame warming house at Hammerson's Pond and the Bark River Nature Park. In addition, Varah has led improvement efforts at the Town of Koshkonong's Mush-Ko-Se-Day Park, located just south of Fort Atkinson.

Past recipients of the award include School District of Fort Atkinson building and grounds director Dennis Kuchermastec, 2013; Fanny Highsmith, 2012; Evon "Bevie" Heine, 2011; Madison Area Technical College, 2010; Daily Jefferson County Union managing editor Christine Spangler, 2009; Greg Greenbough, 2008; School District of Fort Atkinson, 2007; Fort Atkinson assistant city engineer Rudy Buschcott and city parks director Scott Lastusky, 2006.

Heart of the City is a grass-roots citizens group whose mission is to work toward sustainability in our homes and community through education, projects, and thoughtful engagement with neighbors and civic leaders. Heart organized the county's first community garden, "Henry Gardens."

Other sponsored activities include a permeable driveway installation at the Dwight Foster Public Library, a "stimulus" program to encourage local shopping and the low-carbon diet to reduce energy usage.

For more information about Heart of the City or to sign up to receive monthly "Info Bits," visit www.HeartOfTheCity.us, become a fan on Facebook, or email Heartoffort@gmail.com.

Heart of the City is a 501(C)(3) organization supported by donations.

Friday, February 14, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-_____

Authorize application for Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is interested in developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application, and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the annual snowmobile trail maintenance project, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes Joseph W. Nehmer, Jefferson County Parks Department Director, to act on behalf of Jefferson County to:

- submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available for the snowmobile trail maintenance project;
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion date;
- submit signed documents; and
- take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jefferson County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs to be open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project sites.

Fiscal Note: The snowmobile trail maintenance program is expected to cost \$45,675 for winter 2014-2015. One hundred percent (100%) of this cost is funded by the grant.

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Vacant _____

Requested by
Parks Committee

03-11-14



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Policy and Procedure Section I.K. **Primitive Camping; Rules and Regulations** Approved by the Jefferson County Parks Committee October 7th, 2013

Jefferson County's Dorothy Carnes Park offers visitors 513 acres on which to explore a multitude of habitats ranging from tall grass prairies to hard wood forests. The parks more than 10 miles of trails provide for recreational opportunities for users of all abilities. New in 2013 the park will be providing primitive walk in camping opportunities at the parks east entrance. Two primitive camping sites have been developed, and the following publication has been provided for guidance. Remember, this opportunity is for walk-in camping only.

Each of the campsites contains the following amenities:

1. One picnic table
2. Primitive seating
3. Fire ring with grill
4. Food hang
5. Vault toilet
6. Level area for tent placement

The trailhead includes the following amenities:

1. Vehicle parking
2. Waste and recycling receptacles for park use only

Camping Reservations

- Campsites are \$15 a night for each site.
- Seasonal reservations can be made for May 1st – October 31st of each year.
- Off season reservations made by special permit through the parks department office.
- Reservations can be made starting January 1st of the calendar year you plan to camp.
- Reservations made less than 7 days in advance will be honored if possible.
- Payment is required at the time of reservation.
- Reservations can be made by contacting the Jefferson County Parks Department at 920-674-7260 or visiting us on the web at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/parks .

Refunds

- Refunds will be issued for cancelations made more than 7 days in advance.

Jefferson County Primitive Camping Policy

- No refunds will be given for cancelations made less than 7 days prior of your scheduled reservation date.

Site Occupancy

- If campers do not check into a site by 3:00 pm the day after a site has been reserved, the site will be forfeited.
- The maximum duration for any one camper will be 7 consecutive days during any 21 day period.
- Campers may not switch sites without prior approval from the Jefferson County Parks Department.
- Campsite check-in/ checkout time is 3:00 pm.

Camping Party

- Each campsite is limited to one party consisting of either one “family” of parents and dependent children with not more than two guests, or one “non-family” group with a maximum of 6 persons.

Group Camping

- **Organizations or individuals interested in group camping should contact the Parks Department to determine if the group can be accommodated.**

Park Hours

- All Jefferson County Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.
- All guests not camping in the park will need to be out of the park before sunset.

Noise

- At no time may the noise of a single site interfere or disturb other visitors’ enjoyment of the park.

Fires, Firewood, and Fireworks

- Fires are allowed in designated fire rings only.
- Up to date fire conditions and restrictions will be posted at the trailheads, and must be followed by park visitors. Call ahead for current fire conditions and burning restrictions.
- **Important:** Currently, firewood is not allowed on Jefferson County Parks, trails or forested properties from out of state or from more than 25 miles away from the location. In addition, firewood that has been in a Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantined area is not allowed on properties outside of the quarantined area. Please buy firewood from a vendor nearby. Most local gas stations provide firewood for a fee.
- Fireworks are prohibited at all times.

Refuse and Recycling

- Pack it in, Pack it out. All refuse must be packed out of the sites at the end of your stay.
- Refuse and recycling cans are provided at the designated parking area.

Jefferson County Primitive Camping Policy

- Please separate your recycling from your waste material and place each in its designated receptacle.

Parking

- All overnight parking will require a window permit issued with your reservation confirmation. Make sure to post the issued parking permit on the dash of the driver's side of your vehicle.
- Please be sure that you do not block gates or access roads when parking overnight.

Pets

- Pets are allowed. Pets must be leashed at all times and may not be left unattended. Pets must also be cleaned up after.

Dorothy Carnes Park is part of the Rose Lake State Natural Area; a prime example of a central Wisconsin prairie pothole lake and regional native ecosystem. Rose Lake is surrounded by pristine tall grass prairies, oak savanna, hard wood forests, and a wide array of wetland habitats. Many of the habitats viewed in the park are sensitive areas, so please remember to tread lightly.

Take only pictures and leave only footprints.



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Jefferson County
Final Non-Lapsing and Carryover of Fund Balances Request
For the year ending December 31, 2013

Department Name

Parks Department

Business Unit	Account #	\$ Amount	Reason
1801		\$ 26,542.00	Korth Playground; Signed contract with company. Includes donated funds.
1801		\$ 5,000.00	Boat Launch; matched with \$25,000 donation to write stewardship grant for park improvements; grant requires 50% match.
1801		\$ 15,000.00	Blacktop maintenance
1801		\$ 10,397.26	WI DOT bill for Hwy 26 Bike Trail. Joe is working to resolve. Money will returned to the general fund if not needed.
1801		\$ 4,000.00	Emerald Ash Borer Management: includes removal, replacement and treatment of ash trees in Parks and facilities. 5 year plan. Need to budget \$4-5,000 a year.
1806		\$ 81,445.55	Remaining Carol Liddle estate funds, restricted by estate.
1809		\$ 109.00	Remaining Carlin Weld funds, restricted funds.
1812		\$ 60,086.00	Farmland rental revenue; restricted restoration reserve fund.
1812		\$ 55,820.00	Mason log home restoration funds/donations; restricted.
1812		\$ 3,500.00	Bock Foundation grant; \$5,000 total grant; \$1,500 expenditures in 2013.
1812		\$ 2,288.00	Remaining Carnes Park Development funds.
1814		\$ 500.00	Waterloo Historical Society donation; restricted.
1816		\$ 24,553.00	Remaining donations and state aid for Glacial Heritage Area; funds are restricted by source.
1824		\$ 992.00	\$812 revenue from poster sales; balance bike donations.
1826		\$ 15,883.00	Remaining Dog Park funds.
	Total Requested	\$ 306,115.81	

Joe Nehmer

Department Signature

2/21/14
Date

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Jefferson County
Parks Totals

Date Ran 2/17/2014
Period 12
Year 2013

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
1801 Parks	Revenue	(72,678.01)	(7,193.33)	(130,173.32)	(86,320.00)	(43,853.32)	(86,320.00)	43,853.32	150.80%
	Expenditures	104,126.99	86,081.90	982,937.18	1,032,982.83	(50,045.65)	1,032,982.83	50,045.65	95.16%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		31,448.98	78,888.57	852,763.86	946,662.83	(93,898.97)	946,662.83	93,898.97	90.08%
1806 Carol Liddle	Revenue	(6.44)	(16.67)	(86.55)	(200.00)	113.45	(200.00)	(113.45)	43.28%
	Expenditures	-	6,796.56	-	81,559.00	(81,559.00)	81,559.00	81,559.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(6.44)	6,779.92	(86.55)	81,359.00	(81,445.55)	81,359.00	81,445.55	-0.11%
1809 Carlin Weld	Revenue	-	(8.33)	(26.13)	(100.00)	73.87	(100.00)	(73.87)	26.13%
	Expenditures	-	15.25	-	183.00	(183.00)	183.00	183.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	6.92	(26.13)	83.00	(109.13)	83.00	109.13	-31.48%
1811 Korth Park	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
1812 Carnes Park	Revenue	(1,500.00)	(1,938.00)	(73,182.12)	(23,256.00)	(49,926.12)	(23,256.00)	49,926.12	314.68%
	Expenditures	977.48	7,903.75	37,043.13	94,845.00	(57,801.87)	94,845.00	57,801.87	39.06%
	Other Finances	-	1,379.42	-	16,553.00	(16,553.00)	16,553.00	16,553.00	0.00%
Total		(522.52)	7,345.17	(36,138.99)	88,142.00	(124,280.99)	88,142.00	124,280.99	-41.00%
1813 Park Buildings	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	900.86	1,329.25	12,407.61	15,951.00	(3,543.39)	15,951.00	3,543.39	77.79%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		900.86	1,329.25	12,407.61	15,951.00	(3,543.39)	15,951.00	3,543.39	77.79%
1814 Garman Nature	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	12,686.27	-	12,686.27	-	(12,686.27)	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	1,074.50	-	12,894.00	(12,894.00)	12,894.00	12,894.00	0.00%
Total		-	1,074.50	12,686.27	12,894.00	(207.73)	12,894.00	207.73	98.39%
1816 Glacial Heritage	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	1,212.75	-	14,553.00	(14,553.00)	14,553.00	14,553.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	833.33	-	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
Total		-	2,046.08	-	24,553.00	(24,553.00)	24,553.00	24,553.00	0.00%
1821 Snowmobile Trails	Revenue	22,837.50	(3,806.25)	(44,067.35)	(45,675.00)	1,607.65	(45,675.00)	(1,607.65)	96.48%
	Expenditures	-	3,806.25	44,067.35	45,675.00	(1,607.65)	45,675.00	1,607.65	96.48%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		22,837.50	-	-	-	0.00	-	(0.00)	#DIV/0!
1824 Bike Trail	Revenue	(2,316.74)	(41.67)	(3,511.75)	(500.00)	(3,011.75)	(500.00)	3,011.75	702.35%
	Expenditures	-	41.67	4,620.21	500.00	4,120.21	500.00	(4,120.21)	924.04%
	Other Finances	-	175.00	-	2,100.00	(2,100.00)	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00%
Total		(2,316.74)	175.00	1,108.46	2,100.00	(991.54)	2,100.00	991.54	52.78%
1826 Dog Park	Revenue	(1,621.56)	(2,720.08)	(37,830.83)	(32,641.00)	(5,189.83)	(32,641.00)	5,189.83	115.90%
	Expenditures	862.04	2,720.08	43,278.75	32,641.00	10,637.75	32,641.00	(10,637.75)	132.59%
	Other Finances	-	1,777.58	-	21,331.00	(21,331.00)	21,331.00	21,331.00	0.00%
Total		(759.52)	1,777.58	5,447.92	21,331.00	(15,883.08)	21,331.00	15,883.08	25.54%
1840 Groundskeeping	Revenue	(2,823.65)	(5,116.17)	(40,744.63)	(61,394.00)	20,649.37	(61,394.00)	(20,649.37)	66.37%
	Expenditures	2,662.82	5,121.90	40,744.66	61,462.75	(20,718.09)	61,462.75	20,718.09	66.29%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(160.83)	5.73	0.03	68.75	(68.72)	68.75	68.72	0.04%
Total All Business Units	Revenue	(58,108.90)	(20,840.50)	(329,622.68)	(250,086.00)	(79,536.68)	(250,086.00)	79,536.68	131.80%
	Expenditures	109,530.19	115,029.38	1,177,785.16	1,360,352.53	(202,567.42)	1,360,352.53	202,567.42	85.32%
	Other Finances	-	5,239.83	-	62,878.00	(62,878.00)	62,878.00	62,878.00	0.00%
Grand Total Parks		51,421.29	99,428.72	848,162.48	1,193,144.58	(344,982.10)	1,193,144.53	344,962.10	71.09%