

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
August 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman,
Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Chair, Babcock, Nass, Tietz . Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Molinaro, Rinard, Marx, Towers MacAskill, Marx, Zentner. Kuhlman arrived at 1:07.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of June 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Babcock noted correction on page two Item 12, correct word stripped to striped.

Motion to approve the July 6, 2010 minutes with correction. Babcock/Nass, carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment

Sue Marx, from the Drumlin Area Land Trust asked if everyone could introduce themselves. The Committee introduced themselves.

7. GHA Land Use Maximization – Gail Towers MacAskill

Towers MacAskill from the State Department of Commerce and works specifically on projects related to the floods that occurred in 2008 and informed the committee of opportunities of grants the Parks Department could possibly consider applying for under the Federal EDA Grant Program (Economic Development Administration).

8. Carlton Zentner's Request for Grant Information

Zentner requested copies of park grants from the Jefferson County Parks Department. The Committee agreed to have copies made available to Zentner.

9. Discuss potential Rose Lake Property Acquisition

Letter from Wisconsin DNR

Letter from Madison Audubon Society Inc.

Nehmer gave an update on the Rose Lake property acquisition. Nehmer also noted Supervisor Christensen brought it to his attention that the Town of Jefferson is discussing a resolution tonight in opposition of the Rose Lake Acquisition as noted as a public notice in the local newspaper. Nehmer also noted the letters received from the Wisconsin DNR and the Madison Audubon Society Inc. supporting the acquisition.

10. Discuss Master Plan Implementation Development Options for Dorothy Carnes Park

Nehmer discussed Master Plan Implementation Development Options for Dorothy Carnes Park.

11. Discussion of Buildings at Mason Farm

Nehmer discussed the Mason Farm Buildings and the possibility removal of 3 or 4 of the wooden buildings that are deteriorating.

12. Governor's Snowmobile Council Meeting, July 19, 2010 – approval of the final \$22,900 for Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge

Nehmer reported while at the Governor's Snowmobile Meeting on July 19, 2010 the remaining monies were awarded for the Hubbleton Snowmobile Bridge.

13. Update on Potential Property Transfer from Drumlin Area Land Trust

Nehmer reported on costs for putting in a gravel parking lot and access down to the river as the property would be used mainly for a put in/take out site for canoe and kayaks.

Motion to accept this property and to develop a minimal parking lot and access to the river with ATC funds. Babcock/Kuhlman, carried 5-0.

14. Discuss Park Uniforms

The Parks Committee discussed Park Uniforms. This was also previously discussed at the July 6, 2010 Parks Committee meeting. It was agreed upon that the park workers should wear uniforms. It was determined: shirts, sweatshirts and hats should be worn. Ristow stated he will inform the labor committee that the Parks Committee request the labor contract be adjusted to include uniforms for the Parks Employees.

A motion to require Park Employees to wear uniforms as stated above. Nass/Tietz Carried 5-5.

15. Discussion on Inter-Urban Rail Line

Tietz reported he will be setting up a meeting with the town chairman's in Ixonia and Watertown to talk about the rail line as a possible bike trail. He also noted that the Town of Summit and the City of Oconomowoc as well as the City of Waukesha are very interested in partnering with Jefferson County on this project. Tietz stated that there are two bridges that will need to be replaced on the line; and they are both in Jefferson County.

16. Discuss 2011 Budget

Nehmer discussed the 2011 budget the department is readying for approval.

17. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Nehmer noted the GHA update was already covered in Item 9.

18. Dog Park Highway 26 Construction Update

Borland stated most of his questions have been answered seeing how the HWY 26 entry has been closed and moved to a new location.

19. Staff Comments – Jane Stanger

Stanger commented on upcoming fundraising events for the Dog Park

Dog Park August 14th event, Incredible Dog Team

Dog Park August 29th event, Dog Dayz of Summer

20. Correspondence

Nehmer announced that we have received a 2009 Scenic Beauty Award from the Citizens For A Scenic Wisconsin for our bike trail covered bridge.

Email from Mark Martin Dane County Board Voted Yes

21. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time for: TUESDAY September 7, 2010, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:45p.m. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 5-0.