

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202
February 1, 2010 at 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 Vice Chairman Kuhlman at 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Babcock, Kramer, Kuhlman, Nass; Borland, absent. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Buchholz, Ristow, Milbrath, Bartel, Walsh, Kurlinski, Grabow, Dallman
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of January 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 8, 2010 minutes. Babcock/Kramer carried 3-0, Kuhlman abstained.

6. Public Comment

Milbrath updated the committee on emergency procedures at the Dog Park; keys have been distributed to local emergency responders; he is writing up a protocol for emergency personnel to follow.

7. Discussion on Glacial River Bike Trail access to property – Sean Walsh

Nehmer reported Walsh is requesting to obtain vehicular access to property on a small part of the Glacial River Bike Trail, not on the paved path. The property is land locked and located on the south side of Fort Atkinson. Ristow will write up agreement for a license for Mr. Walsh to access his property. Mr. Walsh will verify dimensions necessary for access.

Motion to allow a license access agreement with Mr Walsh for the corner of his property off of Farmco Lane. Nass/Kramer Carried 4-0.

8. Presentation of Model Aircraft flying field proposal – Richard Kurlinski, Watertown Aeromodelers

Kurlinski presented his proposal to ask the county for help in finding a flying field for the Watertown Aeromodelers to fly their model airplanes; they are in need of approximately 50 acres. The ideal place would have 50 acres, a shelter, pit toilets, parking and grass turf. The Parks Department will look further into this request.

9. Mason Farm Component of Dorothy Carnes Park Site Analysis – Novella Man

Grabow presented a status update on the senior thesis project being done by UW Madison student Novella Man at the Mason Farm Component of Dorothy Carnes County Park.

10. Update on Forest Management Plans and Timber Harvest at Kanow County Park

Nehmer reported that according to DNR Foresters forestry reports, the projects should be completed in 3 – 5 years depending on the availability of the timber harvesters.

11. Update on Glacial Heritage Area

Nehmer discussed the “MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONCERNING OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE GLACIAL HERITAGE AREA” draft. Nehmer also announced the Department of Natural Resources has hired Paulette Harder at a 50% position to oversee GHA on their implementation.

12. Waterways Committee Update

Dallman reported the committee is working on finalizing the map for print. The map will be available for the Canoecopia in Madison in March which is the largest paddling event in the Midwest. The Jefferson County Tourism Council will be sharing the booth and helping out.

13. Correspondence

Madison Audubon Society – Birdwatchers No Featherweights in Contributions to Economy
Help Dog
Chandra Gates – Dog Park Donation

Robert Drenk – Dog Park donation
Charlie Stocks – Dog Park donation
Daily Union Dog Park Attendant comment
Letter from Mark Watkins

14. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time: **March 1, 2010, 1:00pm – Room 202**
15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 4-0.