

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549
ROOM 202

June 6, 2011 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 1:05 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office at 864 Collins Rd in Jefferson, WI.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Babcock, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Petre, Wiesmann, Molinaro. Also present: Burlingham, Bowman, Jennings, Grabow. Absent: Kuhlman

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of May 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 9, 2011 meeting minutes, Nass/Tietz, carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Presentation of Mason Farm Design Concept

A presentation of the Mason Farm Design Concept was given to the committee by Tom Jennings with Steve Grabow, Margaret Burlingham and Michelle Bowman. Discussed the sequencing of plan and how projects can be phased into the plan. The decision was made to have the group meet a fourth time to plan the order or sequencing of projects. A high priority project will be reroofing the barn. Jennings will coordinate another design group meeting to discuss further completion of the concept.

Motion to accept this plan as our Master Plan for the Farmstead area. Nass/Babcock, carried 4 - 0.

8. Status Report of Interurban Trail from Watertown to Oconomowoc – Tietz

Tietz updated the committee on the progress on the Interurban Trail. Nehmer noted they are looking into grant funds to do a feasibility study which will need to be in by June 30th.

9. Report on Park Endowment Fund

Committee discussed the Park Endowment Fund.

10. Discussion and possible decision to recommend to the County Board the Creation of a Park Endowment

The committee further discussed the establishment of a Park Endowment Fund and agreed to forward it to the County Board.

Motion to move the Park Endowment Fund forward to the County Board based on the contingencies of the contractual language in the context that it is strictly private donations. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

11. Discussion and possible decision to recommend to the County Board to contract with Wisconsin DOT to maintain a bike trail from the north side of Fort Atkinson to Rita Lane near the 26 Bypass

Nehmer commented on the extension of our Glacial River Bike Trail as part of the Highway 26 expansion in Jefferson County, specifically the area of Rita Lane and connecting that area with the new bike trail. The Parks Department is working with the WI DOT, City of Fort Atkinson and the public to have this section, 2000 feet, as a separated grade bike trail rather than 5 foot shoulders on either side of the road. Private funds are being raised and it looks like this will be accomplished. The City of Fort Atkinson is handling the donations and other arrangements with DOT. The project needs to be accomplished by August 1, 2011 when the section from Jefferson to Fort Atkinson will be opened.

Motion to proceed with this off road bike trail. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

12. Correspondence

- a. Email from Janet McAdams regarding Glacial Heritage Water Trails.
- b. As of this date, there are 33 shelter reservations for June.

13. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: July 11, 2011, 1:00pm – Room 202

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.