

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Jefferson County Courthouse

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53538

November 5, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, 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 included: Borland, Kelly, Tietz, Nass arrived 1:10 pm. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, John Molinaro, Jane Stanger, Kim Buchholz, Phil Ristow, Supervisor Ed Morris, Richard MacWilliams, David Habeck. Absent: Rick Kuhlman, excused absence.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the October 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Tietz, seconded by Kelly, to approve the October 1, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Communications

a. Panel to Study Lottery for Carnes Park Hunt – Daily Union

b. A Walk in The Park – Daily Union

c. Nature Walk with Joni Crave

d. Award – 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

e. Fish and Wildlife Grant award

f. The Wheel Thing – Daily Union

g. Take a Walk in The Park at Garman Mounds – Jefferson County Advertiser

h. What's Happening at the Garman Nature Preserver by Joni Crave – The Courier

i. The Enormous Potential of the Rock River Trail – Senator Tim Cullen – Janesville Messenger

j. Watertown-to-Waterloo Bicycle Path Routes Discussed – Daily Union

k. Bike Trails Proposed Between Watertown, Waterloo – Watertown Daily Times

l. Guided Walk in Garman Park – Daily Union

8. Discussion and possible action on youth hunting

Nehmer presented the Jefferson County Parks Policy and Procedure Section I.K. Youth Hunt November 17th-25th, 2012, 2012 Youth Gun Deer Hunt, Rules and Regulations and Permit Application for the Committee's review.

Motion made by Nass, seconded by Tietz to approve the rules regulating hunting at Dorothy Carnes County Park. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Discussion on Garman Mounds Tour, November 10, 2012
Nehmer announced the Big Celebration of Native People Mounds at Garman Nature Preserve this Saturday morning, to celebrate the restoration of the 22 mounds back to their natural state. The speakers are Archaeologist, Kira Kauffman, Kevin Wiesmann and Joni Crave. Nehmer noted there will be a vehicle to assist people who physically cannot walk to the mounds.
10. Discussion and possible decision on Dave Habek's request to acquire 4 acres of the proposed 22 acres the Wisconsin DOT maybe transferring to the Parks Department
Discussion was tabled until further information is received from the Wisconsin DOT. Once we hear from them as to the transfer of the 22 acres, the item will be put back on the agenda for further discussion.
11. Discussion and possible decision on Bow Hunting Lottery for 2013
The item was tabled until December 3, 2012 meeting so that the DNR Warden can attend and give his input.
12. Discussion and possible decision on gun hunting issues in Carnes Park
The item was table and will be put on the December 3, Agenda so that the DNR Warden can attend and give us his input.
13. Discussion and possible decision on 2013 Budget Amendments
Nehmer discussed the 2012 Budget Amendments. Molinaro noted all amendments presented were not recommended by the Finance Committee. Amendments will be voted on at the County Board.
14. Opportunities with Pheasants Forever – Shooting Range
The committee discussed the request by the Wisconsin State Director for Pheasants Forever on potentially partnering with the Parks Department to set up a shooting range for public use.
15. Discussion and possible decision on renting part of the Dog Park for a wedding
The Parks Department has received a request to have a wedding at the dog park. The committee is open to the request but additional information need to be requested from the party before a final decision can be made. Additional information will be requested and we will report back to the committee.
16. Update on Rustic Camping at Dorothy Carnes Park
Nehmer updated the committee that we will have to get up to code on the primitive style campground which includes a water source and restrooms before a permit will be granted.
17. Update on Rock River Shoreline Restoration Project
Buchholz updated the committee on the project. We have received the final shoreline restoration design from the NRCS. All the permits are in place. We anticipate going out to bid in the next couple of weeks for this project. We have a grant that covers this project; the grant deadline was the end of the year and we just have received a 6 month extension.
18. Update on Handicap Fishing Wharf Project
Buchholz updated the committee on the Handicap Fishing Wharf Project. We are awaiting final paperwork for the grant before proceeding further on the project.
19. Update on Watertown-Waterloo Bike Trail
Tietz updated the committee on the bike trail. The consultant presented 3 different routes for the trail and a final decision should be made by December on which route will be used.

20. Update on Rock River Trail Initiative

Nehmer reported that the project is moving forward and the application is being completed and going into the National Parks Service before the end of the month. The application will probably be approved in 2013 and will be designated a National Recreation Area. This will mean an influx of water trails users, an influx of bicycle trail users, and an influx of motorist with the motor route. It will take coordination with our Tourism Council, coordination advertising and marketing. I think for the future it is going to be a really big thing. Mileage markings will go all the way from the beginning of the trail down to the Mississippi.

21. Update on Modern Woodman playground sponsorship

Nehmer discussed the fund raising options regarding Modern Woodman challenge grants. We would be eligible for \$5,000 matching grant funds for the playground at Korth Park provided we raise another \$5,000. Buchholz noted the tentative event date is May 18, 2013.

22. Update GHA

Molinaro commented on the GHA meeting last week attended by DNR Officials, They met for a short meeting at Korth Park, then proceeded to Waterloo and then to Holzhueter Park.

23. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: December 3, 2012 at 1:00 pm

24. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. made by Kelly, seconded by Tietz. Motion carried 4-0.