

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
320 S MAIN STREET, ROOM 202
JEFFERSON WI 53549
August 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting 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, Kuhlman, Nass, and Tietz.
Others Present: Joe Nehmer, Phil Ristow, Gary Petre, John Molinaro, Jane Stanger, Kim Buchholz, Hal Koenig.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Public Comment - none

6. Approval of July 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Nass, to approve the July 23, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Communications

- a. RRTI Meeting, July 20, 2012, Jefferson County Courthouse
- b. Trail Map – Daily Union
- c. Night Riders – Daily Union
- d. Dorothy Dash – Daily Union

Ristow reviewed the draft resolution for the Glacial Heritage Area Memorandum of Understanding that will be presented to the County Board on August 13, 2012.

Buchholz reported on the new 2012 Bike Map that was printed. The department now has three new maps; Asset Map, Watertrail Map and Bike Map plus the Glacial Heritage Area Brochure. The information is being distributed throughout Jefferson County.

8. Presentation on 4 Season Shelter at Korth Park – Hal Koenig

Hal Koenig, of Prairie Lights Architecture, Inc. gave a presentation on a Four-Season Pavilion for Korth Park. A Four Season Shelter has been identified within Korth Park's Master Plan. The committee was very supportive of the concept.

9. Review Budget for 2013

Nehmer discussed the 2013 budget with the committee.

10. Review Capital Projects to Request Contingency Funds in Current Budget

Nehmer reviewed the list of capital projects; the committee discussed and agreed to what order of importance the projects should be listed. It was agreed to ask for \$15,000 from the 2012 Contingency Fund for repair of the Glacial River Trail Bridge at the September Finance Meeting.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Surplus Lands from STH 26, Jefferson Bypass, South side of USH 18

Nehmer reported on DOT surplus land as part of the STH 26 improvement project; specifically looking at the 22 plus acres of land east of STH 26 and south of USH 18. The property is near the bike trail which ends on USH 18. The DOT has offered to give this land to Jefferson County. The committee discussed the property.

Motion made by Nass, seconded by Tietz, to accept this property from the Department of Transportation. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Fees for Rustic Camping

Buchholz stated that Stanger has researched fees for the rustic camping sites. Kuhlman suggested to table the discussion until permits are obtained for the rustic camping sites, and the capital improvement projects are finalized within the budget process.

13. Rock River Shoreline Restoration Project Grant Award

Buchholz informed the committee we have been awarded a grant through the Wisconsin River Protection Program to complete the shoreline restoration at Rock River Park. Total project cost is \$26,760; 75% will be covered by the grant. The County's cost will be about \$6,760, which can be in-kind support and labor.

14. Dorothy Carnes Park Woodland Restoration Grant Award

Buchholz announced we were awarded an additional grant of \$1,500 through the County Conservation Aids Program. Jefferson County's annual allocation is \$1,560. We received email communication that there was additional funding available so we submitted a secondary grant for this calendar year.

Buchholz also commented that another grant has been submitted through the Conservation Aids Program in partnership with the Lake Ripley Management District for the Oak Savannah restoration they are doing.

15. Discussion and Possible Decision to Lower Speed Limit on Hwy B, Rock River Park

Nass reported the speed limit is 55 mph on Hwy B. It is a very dangerous area coming out of Rock River Park onto Hwy B, especially pulling a trailer. After discussion it was decided to invite Bill Kern, Highway Commissioner, to the September Meeting to discuss the safety concern and lowering the speed limit.

16. Discussion and Possible Decision on the Request to Lower Speed Limit on CTH J from the Bike Trail to City of Jefferson

Nehmer reported that he had a call from a concerned citizen about Hwy J to Jefferson over the STH 26 By-Pass on the east where the Glacial River Bike Trail crosses. A Jefferson family, wife and daughter, reported the site lines from both vertical and horizontal curves are poor. There is no shoulder. They feel it is a dangerous area for biking. Nehmer reported that it is on the Highway Departments August agenda to discuss. He will report the outcome at the September Parks Committee meeting.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:54 made by Tietz, seconded by Borland. Motion carried 5-0.