

## JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Jefferson County Courthouse

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53538

February 4, 2013, @ 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 Vice Chairman Augie Tietz at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, John Molinaro, Jane Stanger, Kim Buchholz, Kevin Wiesmann, Dale Neupert, Town of Waterloo Chair, Rudy Bushcott, Engineer for the City of Fort Atkinson. Absent: Borland

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 January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass, to approve the January 7, 2013 meeting minutes. Carried 4-0.**

7. Communications

a. Citizens Hear Proposed Route for Waterloo-Watertown Bicycle Trail – Daily Union

b. Watertown-to-Waterloo Bike Trail Meeting Draws Crowd – Watertown Daily Times

c. GHA Outdoor Events

d. Endowment – Natural Resources Foundation

Due to timing Nehmer discussed the 2012 dividends from our Parks endowment. The Committee decided to roll the dividend over in the account.

8. Discussion and possible decision on sign gift for the Glacial River Trail

Rudy Bushcott, Engineer for the City of Fort Atkinson, discussed a sign/statue a family in Fort Atkinson would like to donate to Jefferson County. The location for this proposed donation is on the Glacial River Trail by the parking lot on Farmco Lane near the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Fort Atkinson. The sign would replace the aging Glacial River Trail sign. Bushcott passed around a rough sketch of the proposed sign/statue and discussed ideas of what type of materials the sign could be constructed of.

**Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to accept the gift of a sign/statue for the Glacial River Trail. Carried 4-0.**

9. Discussion and possible decision on mower bids \$33,800

Wiesmann discussed the mower bids that have been budgeted for 2013.

**Motion made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass, to approve mower purchase. Carried 4-0.**

10. Update on Watertown-Waterloo Bike Trail Planning

- a. Letter from Town of Milford
- b. Letter to the Editor – Daily Union

Nehmer reported that we are nearing the end of the planning for the connection of the Watertown-Waterloo Bike Trail. Smith Group JJR was hired to do the plan. The final map/plan will be presented sometime in March. The next step will be finding funding through grants from the federal government and DNR Stewardship Program to build the bike route.

Nehmer commented on the letter received from the Town of Milford. Nehmer suggested that when we receive the final plan that the Parks Department attend their town meeting to present the plan and discuss any questions they may have. A letter will be sent to the Town of Milford stating this. The Committee discussed the Letter to the Editor article

11. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Buchholz reported on work of the Education Outreach/Communication sub-committee and their plans for 2014. Nehmer reported on the GHA acquisitions he is working on with the DNR. He also noted that the Inter Urban bike trail connecting Oconomowoc and Watertown has resurfaced. Holzhueter Park Master Plan is in process. John Pohlman, DNR is working on a final plan that should be done in approximately 90 days. The Friends of GHA have been very busy hiking at Dorothy Carnes Park, Rome Pond and have a number of events planned. The next GHA implementation meeting is on meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm in Waterloo. The location is undecided as of this date.

12. Update on Rock River Trail Initiative (RRTI)

Nehmer reported the initiative to establish the Rock River as a National Recreational Trail for Water and Vehicle and Bike is moving forward. Frank Scheer, the founder of the Illinois component, has been contacted by the National Park Service Staff and the Illinois Congressional Delegation. It looks like it is definitely a thumbs up; the Rock River Trail will be established as a national recreation trail. The next meeting will be devoted to organization on a mission statement. The group is looking to pass legislation through the Wisconsin Legislature and they have gotten commitments from some of the senators, representatives already.

13. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: March 4, 2013 at 1:00 pm

14. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Motion carried 4-0.**

