

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**320 S Main Street, Rm 202**  
**Jefferson WI 53549**

August 5, 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 Chairman Borland at 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present: Borland, Kelly, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kim Buchholz, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Mo Hansen, John Raub, Dennis Heling, Steve Grabow, Lydia Statz, Rick Olson. Absent: Kuhlman.

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

4. Review of the Agenda

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the July 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the July 1, 2013 meeting minutes by Kelly, seconded by Tietz.**

**Carried 4-0.**

7. Communications

a. Email Good News! Cheryl Housley – DNR – Watertown Outboarders Inc. property

b. Approval letter from Scott Walker re: Watertown Outboarders Inc. property

c. State OKs Recreational Land Purchase – Watertown Daily Times

d. On the Waterfront – The Daily Union Opinion Page

e. County Executive Announces \$74,015 Outdoor Recreation Grant for Cambridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail

f. Crave Family Bench Donation

g. Daily Union's Best of the Area Readers' Poll

h. Rock River Trail – Daily Union

i. Grant Award from Fort Atkinson Community Foundation for \$5,000 for Mason Log Home

j. Fort Foundation Grants Total \$767,000

k. Lure Coursing Event Planned – Jefferson County Union

l. Upcoming Events

8. Discussion and possible decision on Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan

Nehmer discussed the plan thoroughly with the Parks Committee. Potential funding sources for the project were also discussed. The committee requested that the plan be further discussed at the September meeting; providing a phased approach option as well.

9. Presentation of Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan/Economic Development Emphasis/Tourism  
Steve Grabow presented the new Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan. Tourism, including Glacial Heritage Area silent sports, parks and biking are critical components to the plan.  
(Note: This was Item 15 on the agenda that was moved up.)
10. Consider Board Resolution accepting Quirk Foundation donation of \$25,000 to assist in the purchase of the Watertown Outboarders, Inc. property  
Tietz informed the committee that the WI DNR is going to close on the Watertown Outboarder's, Inc. property. WI DNR is requesting the Parks Committee approval of the Quirk Foundation's donation to complete the purchase. The resolution must then go to Finance and the County Board for approval.  
**Motion to accept the \$25,000 donation from the Quirk Foundation. Made by Nass, Seconded by Kelly. Carried 4-0.**
11. Discussion on 2013 Parks Department Budget Financial Update  
Nehmer updated the committee on the 2013 budget. Everything for the first 6 months is on target. Capital projects are also on target for completion.
12. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget  
Nehmer discussed the 2014 budget and noted that it was slightly modified after discussions with administration and finance.
13. Discussion and possible decision on distribution of County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan  
Nehmer commented that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan has been completed. The poster plan and the final plan are available for review. The Parks Committee requested that each County Supervisor be given a copy of the executive summary and the poster plan in their mailbox.
14. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project  
Tietz discussed the meeting held with WE Energies and American Transmission Company (ATC) regarding the proposed Interurban Bike Trail.  
Tietz also provide the committee an update on GHA Horse Trails. The committee took a van trip to look at options for potential horse trails within the county. Next month's GHA Trails Committee will be held at the Fair Park.
15. Presentation of Korth Park Playground check by Rick Olson, Modern Woodman Financial  
Mr. Olson presented a check from the Korth Park Fundraiser for the Playground at Korth Park. He also noted his article in the Daily Union, Letter to the Editor on July 16, 2013 thanking 50 businesses and individuals that came forward and supported the fundraiser.
16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 1:00 pm
17. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:42 p.m. made by Nass, seconded by Tietz. Carried 4-0.**