

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

FEBRUARY 7, 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 Vice Chairman Kuhlman at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Kuhlman, Babcock, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Wiesmann, Petre, Ristow, Buchholz, Roou, Jones, Shawn Rediske of Water House Foods. Absent: Borland, excused absence.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of January 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 10, 19, 2011 meeting minutes, Tietz/Nass, Babcock abstained, carried 3-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discuss Establishing a Park Endowment Fund – Charlie Luthin

Mr. Luthin was unable to speak at the meeting and will speak at meeting. The committee discussed aspects of fund raising and endowments funds to benefit the Parks Department. There was a suggestion to bring in Friends Groups of the Parks in to help in fund raising was presented.

8. Update on Garman/Knowlton Park Project – Laura Cotting

Cotting updated the committee on the Garman/Knowlton Park Project.

9. Review draft of proposed Parks Ordinance Amendment authorizing the Parks Committee to permit hunting or trapping on grant funded parcels and discuss policy alternatives

The Parks Committee reviewed the draft proposal.

Motion to recommend to the County Board an amendment of the Parks Ordinance authorizing the Parks Committee to establish rules for hunting and trapping in the parks system. Tietz/Nass, carried 4-0.

10. Discussion and possible decision on Dog Park Hours

The committee discussed the hours for the Dog Park and decided not to change the hours. The Dog Park is open during daylight hours as written in Park Ordinance 1998-27, Section 8.11, Park Hours.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Jefferson County Bike Plan

Nehmer noted the Bike Plan was distributed at the January Parks Committee Meeting for the Committee to review. Shawn Rediske, Water House Foods in Lake Mills commented on the project and offered any assistance. Their Café has benefited strongly from cyclists using the Glacial Drumlin Trail, biking through the area, and some Trek employees are good customers. Signage for sponsorships was discussed and the committee asked for signage to be included in the plan. The committee discussed contacting the Zoning Administrator for his opinion on how to most appropriately forward this plan in light of the comprehensive plan and the Smart Growth Plan. They would also like his comment as whether the Zoning Department will co-sponsor the plan.

Motion to move the County Bike Plan, co-sponsored by the Zoning Committee, to the County Board for approval. Nass/Tietz, carried 4-0

12. Discussion and possible decision on Geocacheing

Motion to approve ordinance, charge \$25.00 for permits, for up to three caches and forward it to the County Board. Nass/Babcock, carried 4-0.

13. Glacial Heritage Update

Nehmer reported the Kemmeter acquisition has been completed. Next, the Finance Committee will provide their guidance on selling the house. Molinaro noted there is a GHA meeting on February 16, 2011 at the Town of Oakland at 1:30 pm and a general meeting on February 24, 2011 from 3:30-5:30 pm at McKay Nursery.

14. Correspondence

- a. Email – Sheboygan County
- b. Email – Steve Miller – DNR

Correspondence was presented. Additional items were noted by Nehmer; the Charrette Process Workshops for the Carnes Park farmstead are being coordinated, the first workshop will be on March 11, 2011, and more information on meetings will be noted as the project progresses.

Sheriff Milbrath reported there were 7,915 park checks done in 2010. Nehmer reported on letter from Mark Martin stating dogs running loose in Dorothy Carnes County Park.

15. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: March 7, 2011, 1:00p.m. – Room 202
Meeting for Mason Farm planning tabled until next month. Borland will be absent at this time.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31, Tietz/Kuhlman, carried 4-0.