

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

JANUARY 10, 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 Chairman Borland at 1:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Chairman, Nass, Kuhlman, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Molinaro, Wiesmann, Petre, Ristow, Buchholz, Pauletter Harder and, Mary Rothenmaier, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Absent: Babcock, excused absence.

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

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Approval of December 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 6, 2010 minutes, Nass/Tietz carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Discuss Carnes Park Stewardship Grant Requirements – Kemmeter Property

The Stewardship Grant Requirements for the Kemmeter Property were discussed. Commenting were Harder, Rothenmaier, Nehmer.

Motion to allow upon request a connection across the Kemmeter property for the snowmobile club trails on either side of the property in a location to be designated by the County. Continuation is subject to the continued existence of the trails to be connected, proper signage according to Wisconsin DNR Trail Requirements and users staying on the marked trail. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 4-0.

8. Discussion of Jefferson County Bike Plan Update

Nehmer discussed the Bicycle Plan Emphasis. He asked the committee members to review the plan and map, which is included. The plan will be discussed at the February 7, 2011 Parks Committee Meeting. The next step will be to get the plan out to the funding partners and give them an opportunity to comment.

9. Discussion and possible decision on Geocaching

Molinaro reported on an email received from Jay Toth, Ho-Chunk Archeologist, informing us that there is a large amount of Geocaching going on in areas like Indian Mounds in Jefferson County; and are we aware of this activity. Nehmer reported there are 16 recognized caches in the Jefferson County Parks System right now. We are developing a Geocache policy. Nehmer stated we will develop this policy and revisit the Geocaching at the February Parks Committee Meeting.

10. Determine Dorothy Carnes Park Signage

Nehmer discussed signage at the entrances of Carnes Park and how they should be identified. People are not aware of the different segments of Carnes Park.

Motion to approve the signing at the entrances of the park as Carnes East Entrance etc. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 4-0.

11. Glacial Heritage Area Update

Nehmer presented a draft of GHA 2011 Workplan for the Committee's review. There is an Inter Urban Trail meeting planned for this Friday in Watertown. We will report back at our February meeting. A meeting is scheduled with Dana White Quam to go over the Bike Plan as it relates to the GHA. The Natural Resource Board meeting will be January 26, and the agenda is expected to be posted tomorrow; it will identify the time that the Kemmeter Grant will be visited by the board but, it might be at that time or literally 4 hours later. There is a lot going on and we hope it continue to move forward, obviously it is critical that this be passed on the 26th by the Natural Resources Board.

12. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Matt Frank – Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 12/21/10
- b. Email from Mo Hansen – City of Waterloo 12/3/10
- c. Email from Richard Rowley – Bark River Clean up – Bald Eagle Picture
- d. Email from Mark Vesperman revised agreement for the bike path from along STH 26 from CTH W to USH 18
- e. Newspaper articles

Went over correspondence.

Acknowledged a \$10,000 gift from Theo Garman for the Garman

Nature Preserve. In the last 3 years, Ms. Garman has given the Parks Department \$55,000.

Ms. Garman will be acknowledge at the

February County Board Meeting for her contribution.

Letter from Elaine Knowles, Janesville supporting agenda on Kemmeter property

The astronomy society has applied for a permit and has offered to do an educational seminar out at Carlin Weld this summer for the public.

13. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time for: February 7, 2011, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

Meeting for Mason Farm planning tabled until next month. Borland will be absent at this time.

18. Adjourn

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