

**WASHINGTON COUNTY PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Public Agency Center – Room 3224  
West Bend, WI

June 4, 2009  
7:30 a.m.

Members present: Supervisor Mike Miller, Matt Heiser, Terry Jensen, Mike Hermann, Kelly Valentino, Shawn Graff, Scott Mathie (arrived at 7:42 a.m.)

Staff present: Debora Sielski-Deputy Administrator (arrived at 8:15 a.m.), Joshua Glass-Planner, Joanne Wagner-Office Manager, Christopher Guzek-Planning Intern, Cindy Leinss-Landscape Designer

Also present: Supervisor John Jung

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. and read the Affidavit of Posting.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Commission and Staff Member introductions were conducted at this time.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Graff nominated Supervisor Miller as Chairperson. Motion by Mr. Graff, seconded by Mr. Jensen to close the nominations. By unanimous vote, Supervisor Miller was duly elected Chairperson.

Mr. Graff nominated Mr. Heiser as Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Mr. Graff, seconded by Mr. Heiser to close the nominations. By unanimous vote, Mr. Heiser was duly elected Vice-Chairperson.

**OVERVIEW OF 2004 PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN – JOSHUA GLASS**

Mr. Glass reviewed information from the 2004 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) which had been provided to the Commission members. Mr. Heiser asked if there was a dollar amount dedicated to land acquisition. Mr. Miller stated that he does not recall anything allocated to land acquisition in the current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Planning and Parks Department.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS PRESENTATION – JOSHUA GLASS**

Mr. Glass presented a series of photos (a walk-thru) of the County Parks, which included a review of amenities for each of the parks. The issue of possibly exploring a dog park in the future was discussed. The consensus was that a great interest in this type of facility exists in Washington County. Ms. Sielski provided a brief history regarding the proposal to construct a dog park in Washington County. The County decided to go with a “trial dog-off-leash park” which currently exists at Cedar Lake Wayside. The Washington County Planning, Conservation and Parks Committee (PCPC) recently reviewed this and decided to see how the trial dog park goes for a while longer. Discussed acquisition of Erin Property. Discussed the sled hill at Glacier Hills County Park. Discussed the gravel pit project at Heritage Trails. Ms. Sielski elaborated on the current development of an interpretive center at Lizard Mound County Park. Discussed staffing at the Washington County Golf Course.

## **BENEFITS OF PARK AND OPEN SPACES / ACTIVE LIVING CONCEPT – JOSHUA GLASS**

Mr. Glass presented the information from Carver County, Minnesota. Carver County has an interactive website at: [www.gocarvergo.org/index.php](http://www.gocarvergo.org/index.php) which promotes the “Active Living” concept. Ms. Sielski stressed that we want to get the public engaged and involved in outdoor activities. Mr. Hermann is working with the Healthy People Project and can possibly present information to this Commission in the future for further education on this project. There is a lot of partnering involved in the Carver County project. This type of information on our website could potentially bring in a lot of tourism.

Supervisor Miller stated that the website illustrated would be very beneficial for the Commission members to review. Stated we might want to approach Blue Cross/Blue Shield, or WB Mutual to sponsor development of this kind of website to get this information out there.

Mr. Graff stated he was happy to hear the County values and understands the importance of promoting the active living concept through the County website. Ms. Valentino stated that the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a good resource to work with on park development. Further stated that NRPA has a different, more community friendly approach to planning and they let you design things based on your community’s needs. A crossover of brochures was suggested by Mr. Jensen (i.e. - State park brochures, County Park brochures, and municipal facility brochures should reference each other). Ms. Sielski stated that we need to take a closer look at trails in the upcoming plan of action. Ms. Valentino stated that a great model is the Interurban Trail. Discussion ensued regarding trail use and access. Mr. Jung inquired as to whether the State Department of Transportation will be incorporating bike paths and trails into construction plans on State roads in the County (specifically Highway 60). Discussion ensued regarding the dangers of bicycling on Highway 60 and how much use a safe bicycle path would get. Ms. Sielski stated that staff will give a presentation on regulatory plans effecting park and open space planning at the next meeting.

## **REVIEW PLAN OF ACTION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, AND WORK PLAN – DEB SIELSKI**

Ms. Sielski referred the Commission to the Park and Open Space Plan tentative plan of action handout. Ms. Sielski emphasized that this timeline is tentative and can be changed to incorporate different ideas.

The public participation plan handout was discussed. Ms. Sielski asked the Commission to review this handout in detail prior to the next meeting, and let us know if anything should be added or changed at that time.

Mr. Glass emphasized that the County website will be a helpful resource for the public and Commission members. Agendas, minutes, presentations and other park and open space planning information will be posted online. Visit [www.co.washington.wi.us/pln](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/pln) and follow the Park and Open Space Planning links.

The work plan outline was reviewed.

The budget for the Park and Open Space Plan was discussed. Ms. Sielski stated that perhaps this could be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Ms. Sielski stated that she likes Mr. Miller’s idea of discussing partnerships on updating the website like Carver County and should be discussed further at a future meeting.

## **DETERMINE FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The first or third Thursday morning of each month is good for most members of the Commission. The times will be 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. The next meeting date will be Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Preliminary Draft Chapters 1 & 2 will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

A presentation on regulatory plans that effect park and open space planning will be given at a future meeting.

Ms. Sielski will try to organize a presentation by Shari Winter from the Health Department and Mike Hermann regarding the Healthy People Project.

Budget for the 2035 Park and Open Space Plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

Shawn Graff volunteered to do a presentation regarding Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and the Ice Age Trail.

Kelly Valentino volunteered to do a presentation on the NRPA approach to planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms.Valentino, seconded by Mr. Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. Motion carried.

Debra Sielski  
Deputy Administrator, Planning and Parks Department

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael R. Miller, Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_