

The minutes will be presented for approval at the next Park Board meeting.

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: January 25, 2024

Meeting Location: Goodhue County Public Works – Red Wing, MN

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Todd Greseth	Commissioner
Mike Melstad	1 st District Rep
Mairi Doerr	2 nd District Rep
Bernie Overby	3 rd District Rep
Barbara Pratt	4 th District Rep
Janie Farrar	5 th District Rep
Scott Roepke	Cannon Valley Trail Rep
<i>Vacant</i>	Trail Rep
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Director of Public Works
Jennifer Ziemer	Staff: Admin Assistant- PW

Absent: Barbara Pratt, Scott Roepke

Other members of the public present: Ken Burns

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to approve the August 23, 2023, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by Janie Farrar, seconded by Commissioner Greseth, and carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Anderson called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Greseth nominated Janie Farrar for Chair. Commissioner Anderson called for further nominations for Chair. Nominations were closed. It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to elect Janie Farrar as the 2024 Chair.

Janie Farrar called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mairi Doerr nominated Mike Melstad for Vice Chair. Janie Farrar called for further nominations for Chair. Nominations were closed. It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried to elect Mike Melstad as the 2024 Vice Chair.

The Park Board discussed creating standards for park and trail donations. Staff discussed the difficulties involved with dedicating specific items such as trees, benches, etc. if they get damaged by weather or vandalism. The Park Board discussed the potential of creating a donations wall for memorials, which was also suggested and discussed briefly at the previous meeting. They asked staff to create a map of where benches may be needed around Byllesby Park, and discussed the option to dedicate benches until those locations are filled. They designated the Pilot Rock 6' contour bench in heart redwood lumber with a black powder coated frame as the approved bench. It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried to have staff work on developing a donation policy and plans for a donation wall.

Jess Greenwood presented the concept of a full time Parks Manager position. He talked about prior discussions with the County Board regarding creating this position. The Park Board discussed the duties of and the need for the position. It was moved by Bernie Overby, seconded by Janie Farrar, and carried to write a letter of support for the full time Parks Manager position to the County Board.

The Park Board discussed the Goodhue County Park Five-Year Plan. Concerns were presented regarding the pressing need for the fish cleaning station and park hosts, and staff highlighted the need for a full-time parks position in order to

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implement projects more quickly. It was moved by Bernie Overby, seconded by Mairi Doerr, and carried to approve the Goodhue County Park Five-Year Plan, and recommend approval by the County Board.

Staff provided an update on the Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project, including remaining work to close out the grant this summer.

The Park Board discussed potential dates for the dedication of the Richard Samuelson Pavilion and public open house. Their order of preference would be June 20th, 22nd, 6th, or 8th, depending upon the availability of the Samuelson family.

A Cannon Valley Trail Update was provided by Scott Roepke, attached to the agenda.

Future meeting dates are April 4, July 25, and November 7, 2024.

It was moved by Janie Farar, seconded by Mairi Doerr, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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