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TO: Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board
FROM: Jess Greenwood, Public Works Director
RE: 25 Jul 24 Park Board Meeting
Park Update
Date: 18 Jul 24

Summary

The final paperwork for the Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project is being submitted to the DNR, and the deed restriction is being recorded and submitted this week. The septic system is finally working as intended and final payment for that installation is being calculated.

The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the pavilion was held on 09 Jun 24. Many thanks to Mike Melstad for representing the Park Board and speaking that day, to Commissioner Greseth for representing the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and speaking that day, and Jess Greenwood and Greg Isakson for presenting that day. Also presenting were Karlin Ziegler representing GMPRTC, Commissioner Mike Slavic representing Dakota County, Wynne Yelland representing Locus Architecture, Rick Vezina representing Lift Bridge Builders, and David Samuelson representing the Samuelson family. It was a beautiful day and the final count was 142 people that made it out for the event!

The County Board has approved creating a new park position, with several other duties such as Public Works admin support, permitting, special projects management, and other tasks incorporated into the job description. The primary focus of the position is intended to be park development and management. This position will hopefully be advertised soon.

The initial goals of the new position would be to secure a contract for the design of the fish cleaning station and park host sites, work on that design this fall, construct those projects in 2025, and work toward having park hosts in 2026.

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