

## Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: April 12, 2018

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

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

### Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Barney Nesseth	Commissioner
Mike Melstad	1 <sup>st</sup> District Rep
Vince Cockriel	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Rep
Mairi Doerr	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Rep
Barbara Pratt	4 <sup>th</sup> District Rep
Janie Farrar	5 <sup>th</sup> District Rep
Scott Roepke	Cannon Valley Trail Rep
Roxanne Bartsh	Goodhue Pioneer Trail Rep
Greg Isakson	Staff: Director of Public Works
Jennifer Ziemer	Staff: Admin Assistant- PW
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Deputy Director/Assist Eng

Vince Cockriel called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Janie Farrar, and carried to approve the November 14, 2017, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by C. Anderson, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to elect Mairi Doerr as the new Park Board Chairperson. It was moved by Scott Roepke, seconded by C. Anderson, and carried to elect Janie Farrar as the new Park Board Vice-Chairperson.

Greg Isakson gave an update on the park applications for regional significance designation. Consultants at Hoisington Koegler Group, Inc. (HKGi) have submitted applications to the Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) for both Byllesby Park and Nielsen Memorial Preserve. The master plans for both parks have also been submitted. Greg will be meeting with Joe Czapiewski to visit both park properties. The GMRPTC will be voting to rank the applications within the next month. If the parks are ranked as regionally significant, we will be eligible to apply for grant funding. The current grant application period will close at the end of July.

Greg also gave an update on a possible property acquisition adjacent to the Nielsen Memorial Preserve. The acquisition of a ten acre lot owned by A. Allan Story would make construction of a park entrance and access road improvements easier. It would also bring us closer to the 100 acre goal for regional park designation (approximately 88/100 acres). It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to recommend County Board approval of the Story property acquisition.

Park Board members discussed project implementation priorities for Nielsen Memorial Preserve, and were in agreement that park access and an entrance/parking should be the first priority. No formal motion was made.

Park Board members discussed a request to host the Cannon Falls Art Fair at Byllesby Park. Staff agreed to look into permitting processes used by Dakota County, Olmsted County, and the City of Red Wing for large events, and associated fees. Staff also agreed to have conversation with Stanton Township regarding large events at Byllesby Park.

Park Board members began discussions regarding project implementation priorities at Byllesby Park. Staff agreed to look at elevations and drainage in the proposed buffer area as time permits for their engineering technicians.

No further updates were given.

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Future meeting date will be May 8, 2018, at 1:30 PM.

It was moved by C. Anderson, seconded by Janie Farrar, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Ziemer  
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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