

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: May 8, 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 st District Rep
Vince Cockriel	2 nd District Rep
Mairi Doerr	3 rd District Rep
Barbara Pratt	4 th District Rep
Janie Farrar	5 th 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

Absent: Vince Cockriel (resigned) and Roxanne Bartsh.

Mairi Doerr called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. It was moved by Scott Roepke, seconded by Janie Farrar, and carried to approve the April 12, 2018, Park Board Minutes.

Vince Cockriel resigned as the District 2 Park Board Representative. District 3 Representative, Mairi Doerr, has recently moved her primary residence to District 2. It was moved by C. Anderson, seconded by C. Nesseth, and carried to appoint Mairi Doerr as the new District 2 Representative, where she will complete the second term until December 31, 2019; C. Nesseth will find a new District 3 Park Board Representative.

Greg Isakson gave an update on the park applications for regional significance designation. Byllesby Park has received regional designation by the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission, and is now eligible to apply for grant funding. Staff is still waiting to hear back on the results of the Nielsen Memorial Preserve application.

A GMRPTC grant application would be due July 31st, 2018. The Park Board discussed the different short-term park improvements presented in the master plan. Staff agreed to look into the original DNR grant to build Byllesby Park's fishing pier. The County may be eligible to apply for further DNR grant funding to replace the wood on the fishing pier or construct day use docks. It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by C. Anderson, and carried to form a sub-committee to prepare a draft five-year plan for Byllesby Park improvements. Mike Melstad, Mairi Doerr, and Barbara Pratt agreed to serve on the sub-committee. The suggestion was made to begin park development conversations with Stanton Township's Planning Committee once the draft five-year plan is completed.

C. Nesseth presented the idea of selling the County owned 110 acre parcel on Lake Byllesby. The sale of the property could be used to help fund park projects. Most of this property is either wetland or agricultural land. A few buildable lots could be added along the lakeshore on part of the property, but would require proper township zoning, construction of a new road, a bridge over Spring Creek, and utility construction. It was also noted that parts of this property provide valuable habitat for wildlife and could possibly be used in the future as park land for hiking trails, birding, and boat/canoe/kayak-in campsites. It was moved by C. Nesseth and seconded by Mike Melstad to investigate the value of this land if it was to be sold. The motion passed, with four in favor and Scott Roepke, C. Anderson, and Mairi Doerr dissenting.

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Full trail updates will be given at the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be June 14, 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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