

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: June 14, 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
Mairi Doerr	2 nd District Rep
<i>OPEN</i>	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: Janie Farrar and Scott Roepke.

Mairi Doerr called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. It was moved by Brad Anderson, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to approve the May 8, 2018, Park Board Minutes.

Roxanne Bartsh provided an update on the Goodhue Pioneer Trail. The Goodhue Pioneer State Trail is in a good position to receive money from the LCCMR. The GPST did not receive any bonding money, but there is a possibility to use leftover funds from previous two-year bonding cycle for the Hawkinson property, which would cost approximately \$400,000 for acquisition.

There was also an update on the Mississippi Blufflands State Trail. The City of Red Wing was given money in the name of the trail to tie Levee Park to Colvill Park. The money received will not be enough for the segment.

Greg Isakson provided an update on the Nielsen Memorial Preserve. The GMRPTC rated the preserve as a “medium”, which concludes that it is ineligible for grant funding. The GMRPTC included some suggestions to increase the application ranking to “high”. Reapplying will be important to the future of the park. Park Board members discussed resubmitting the application for the park as a Special Recreation Feature Park in order to maximize the rating, under the suggestion of the GMRPTC. Before the application process, Park Board members discussed the possibility of having an ecologist from the Department of Natural Resources inventory the special features of Nielsen Memorial Preserve.

Park Board members began discussions on the 110 acre County-owned parcel on Lake Byllesby. See Land Committee Notes. It was moved by Mairi Doerr, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to acknowledge that the 110 acres is in present and best use if the county maintains ownership, and to not sell it at the present time. Park Board members did have a desire to have staff look into the current and possible future zoning.

Park Board members discussed prioritizing the Byllesby Park improvements. It was determined that the pavilion is be of highest importance and that the project will be the priority for the 2019 GMRPTC grant application. Having restrooms and running water on the premises is also be of utmost importance. Greg Isakson will have County staff and Sentence-to-Serve crews work on smaller projects for the current summer and next spring. There was also some discussion on applying for funds for building the dog park. A GMRPTC grant application would be due July 31, 2018. It was determined that projects such as the fishing pier and day boat slips would need to have DNR involvement before moving forward.

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The next meeting date will be July 26, 2018, at 12:00 PM.

It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Barbara Pratt, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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