

## Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: September 6, 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
Mairi Doerr	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Rep
Bernie Overby	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

Absent: Mairi Doerr.

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by C. Anderson, and carried to approve the July 26, 2018, Park Board Minutes. It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to approve the June 14, 2018, Park Board Minutes.

The Park Board welcomed its newest member, Bernie Overby from District 3. Bernie currently serves as a supervisor for Kenyon Township, has served on the County's Planning Commission, and has been an active voice for Kenyon area residents during the creation of and master planning for Nielsen Memorial Preserve.

Greg Isakson provided an update on Stanton Township Zoning at Byllesby Park. The park is currently zoned R-1 residential, and members of the Stanton Township Planning Commission are working on writing a new park zone that would encompass the park. They are also working on a permitting process for events, and the parameters that would require a permit, which may affect future events at Byllesby Park. C. Anderson suggested that the Planning Commission consider including the western boat launch area and DNR Mill Towns State Trail property in the new park zone as well. It was also discussed that the Boy Scout property may be included in the new zoning.

Park improvement priorities and timeline were discussed. It was moved by Barbara Pratt, seconded by Scott Reopke, and carried to recommend these projects to the County Board as the primary priorities:

- Design and construction of a larger pavilion at Byllesby Park that includes plumbed restrooms
- Design and construction of an entrance road and parking area at Nielsen Memorial Preserve

There was some discussion as to the type of pavilion structure, cost, additional parking requirements, whether interior or exterior showers should be included, and whether a kitchen area should be included. It was determined that this will be the primary topic of the next Park Board meeting in order to set design guidelines for a consultant.

Campground grading, berm grading, berm planting, and savanna restoration at Byllesby Park were also discussed as a priority project in the future.

The City of Cannon Falls has approved installation of a .6 acre dog park, and the Park Board decided to move design and installation of a dog park at Byllesby Park further down on the priorities list. It was suggested to move the entrance sign at Byllesby higher up on the priorities list. The Park Board agreed that smaller projects that could be done more quickly

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would show the community that something new was happening at the park and that action was being taken on the master plan update. Staff agreed to look into any required DNR permitting for moving/refurbishing the fishing pier, installing day-use boat slips, expanding the existing beach, and adding the new beach area with a fire pit. These improvements, along with moving a picnic shelter, a mural project, replacing the sand in the volleyball court, and replacing the mulch in the playground area, could all be done next year. The Park Board also identified a natural resources inventory and management plan as a priority for Nielsen Memorial Preserve, in order to protect important plant and wildlife colonies during entrance design and construction.

The next meeting date will be October 11, 2018, at 1:30 PM.

It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Ziemer  
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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