Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

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

(Virtual Meeting)
Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Todd Greseth	Commissioner
Mike Melstad	1 st District Rep
Mairi Doerr	2 nd District Rep
Bernie Overby	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

Absent: Mike Melstad, Bernie Overby.

Guests: Ken Burns.

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Greseth, and carried to approve the February 9, 2021, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an AIS meeting update and Byllesby berm discussion.

The Park Board was supportive of revising the following in the Byllesby Park Rules Ordinance:

- Revise the title of the ordinance to specify Byllesby Park
- Revise the operating hours to 6:00 AM 10:00 PM, with quiet hours from 6:00 AM 8:00 AM
- Change the speed limit to 10 miles per hour
- Add wording to accommodate a future fish cleaning station, but cover up the words regarding the fish cleaning station on the sign until the structure is built and operational
- Eliminate the last bullet point under rule #2
- Add wording to clarify parking areas for boat trailers vs. vehicles without boat trailers
- Add rules regarding a loading/unloading zone, with a 10 minute maximum time limit
- Add rules regarding the boat slips, with a maximum time limit of 1 hour, no overnight dockage
- Allow certified service animals in buildings and beach areas
- Require pets to be on a leash of 6' maximum length

It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to approve the Byllesby Park Rules Ordinance 80-1 revisions, and recommend approval by the County Board. The Park Board requested that signs be installed regarding the new leash rule.

The Park Board reviewed three options for the proposed Cascade canoe & kayak access. Preference was given to options two and three in order to help control parking, and the Park Board requested input from adjacent landowners regarding a preferred concept. Staff agreed to reach out to the property's neighbors.

The Park Board reviewed several options for AIS removal/inspection lane(s) to be added to the parking lot at Byllesby Park. Preference was given to option three, but the Park Board requested that staff reach out to the inspector for final input. Commissioner Anderson provided an update on the Curly Leaf Pond Weed, an aquatic invasive species that has been recently discovered in Lake Byllesby. Dakota County, Goodhue County, LBIA, and MN DNR will be partnering together for treatment in May. If the weeds drift up to shore post-treatment, additional shoreline cleanup may be required along the beach in June.

Staff presented three options for a message board at Byllesby Park. Janie Farrar liked the 2-sided option, Mairi Doerr liked the 3-sided option, Scott Roepke encouraged one without a brochure rack as people tend to put garbage inside them, Commissioner Anderson proposed more than one (also by the bridge, upper boat landing, etc.), and Roxanne suggested a sign study as well as the use of QR codes, and she will reach out to a consultant that the GPST used for a study. Commissioner Anderson also suggested looking into a local cabinet maker for the message board construction. Staff indicated that work load does not currently allow for a study or reaching out to local manufacturers, and metal signs with the park rules will be ordered for now. This topic could be revisited when time allows.

Park Board members were asked to start considering ways they would like to use donations in honor of Richard Samuelson, for discussion at the next meeting.

Greg Isakson is working with the Sheriff's Office and the family of Garrett Berg on a memorial for Garrett.

Locus Architecture will be giving a presentation at the next meeting regarding draft construction documents for the pavilion. The current plan involves going out for bid in late 2021 or January 2022, with the bulk of construction in 2022. Commissioner Anderson inquired if winter construction would be possible to reduce interruption within the park.

The prairie reconstruction project will soon be under way. Approximately 8.5 acres will be sprayed in late May and again in August. The areas will be dormant seeded this fall with a cover crop of oats. Mowing and spot treatments will be necessary in 2022 and 2023 to help control weeds while the prairie becomes established. Staff will continue to work with adjacent property owners and provide updates on this project.

Cannon Valley Trail and Goodhue Pioneer State Trail updates were provided as part of the agenda.

The next meeting date is June 30th at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Ziemer Goodhue County Administrative Assistant