



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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PARK BOARD AGENDA

GOODHUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, 2ND FLOOR
430 W 6TH STREET, RED WING, MN

JUNE 30, 2021
1:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE.

The Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board will be conducting a Park Board meeting on June 30, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center.

Goodhue County Public Works staff and Park Board members will be present at the meeting location. The public may monitor the meeting from a remote site by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/735332629> or by calling 877-309-2073 OR 571-317-3129 any time during the meeting. Access Code: **735-332-629**

Review And Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting.

Documents:

[05-11-21 PB Minutes_Draft.pdf](#)

Review And Approve The Agenda.

Byllesby Park Pavilion Project Design Presentation.

Documents:

[Pavilion Project Design.pdf](#)

Donations In Honor Of Richard Samuelson.

Documents:

[Donations in Honor of Richard Samuelson.pdf](#)

For Your Information.

1. Cascade Canoe/Kayak Access Update.

Documents:

[Cascade River Access Update.pdf](#)

2. Byllesby Park Update.

Documents:

[Byllesby Park Update.pdf](#)

3. Nielsen Memorial Preserve Update.

Documents:

[NMP Update.pdf](#)

4. Cannon Valley Trail Update.

Documents:

[Cannon Valley Trail Update.pdf](#)

5. Goodhue Pioneer State Trail Update.

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[Goodhue Pioneer State Trail Update.pdf](#)

Next Meeting Date.

Adjourn.

The minutes will be presented for approval at the next Park Board meeting.

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.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board is to provide a quality park, trail and recreation system which strive to preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance the County's park land, trails, and recreational activities, on behalf of all current and future citizens of the County of Goodhue

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

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TO: Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 30 Jun 21 Park Board Meeting
Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project

Date: 23 Jun 21

Summary

LOCUS Architecture will present draft construction documents for the Byllesby Pavilion & Essential Service Project.



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Donations in Honor of Richard Samuelson

Date: 23 Jun 21

Summary

The Park Fund has received donations totaling \$820 in memory of Richard Samuelson. As a former County Commissioner, he was a passionate supporter of parks and trails. It is requested that the Park Board select and approve the purchase of a memorial in his honor.



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Cascade Canoe & Kayak Access Update

Date: 23 Jun 21

Summary

An update regarding the development of the Cascade Canoe & Kayak Access is provided below. It is requested that the Park Board begins considering possible rules for the access area, which will be discussed at the July meeting.

Background

Goodhue County has acquired a small acreage along the Cannon River off 4th Ave Way in the northwestern corner of Stanton Township. The Park Board visited the site and met with adjacent landowners on 08 Jul 20 to discuss potential parking and river access points. County staff has reached out to adjacent landowners once again for input regarding the design, and received feedback from two of them. One neighbor preferred concept two and the other preferred concept three. Staff presented a draft final concept for development to the Stanton Township Planning Commission on 08 Jun 21 and the Stanton Township Board on 15 Jun 21. The Township Board granted a public hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting on July 13th at 7:15 PM.

The draft parking lot concept has been developed that allows for the following:

- Parking for 4 vehicles
- Turn-around area large enough for a large van with a canoe/kayak trailer, such as the Boy Scouts or Red Wing ELC would operate
- 12' wide access road off 4th Avenue Way
- Pullover areas for loading/unloading kayaks and gear
- Separate landing and launch sites
- Design that utilizes existing cleared path to minimize tree cutting
- Installation of additional trees or shrubs for screening where needed
- Portable toilet and trash receptacle spring through fall
- Minimal maintenance disturbances, including weekly portable toilet service late spring through fall, twice weekly trash cleanup, and weekly or bi-weekly mowing of an approximately 3-4' wide area around the parking lot

- Addition of base material covered with river rock at the launch site, to a distance of 30' waterward of the OHWM. Additional material, if required, would require DNR/USACE permitting.

Project next steps:

- Final site plan design
- Public hearing at Stanton Township Planning Commission meeting on July 13th regarding CUP special provisions
- Potential Stanton Town Board meeting on July 20th for CUP approval
- County Land Use Permitting and County Land Alteration Permitting
- Potential Park Board meeting for ordinance recommendations in July, see attached draft document for a discussion starting point
- Potential notice of public hearing and enactment of ordinance in paper July 31st
- Potential public hearing and ordinance approval at County Board meeting on August 17th
- Surveying, staking, and construction of canoe/kayak launch and parking late summer or fall of 2021

DRAFT CASCADE CANOE & KAYAK ACCESS RULES ORDINANCE
FOR PARK BOARD REVIEW, WITH DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE PARK BOARD MEETING

The County Board of Goodhue County ordains:

1. The property shall be open to the public from dusk until dawn, except as otherwise posted, and during emergencies. Property quiet hours are from dawn until 8:00 a.m. No overnight parking or camping allowed.
2. The following activities are prohibited on the property:
 - a. To engage in any brawling or fighting, or to engage in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous or noisy conduct or to engage in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.
 - b. To display or to have in one's possession glass bottle containers.
 - c. To use or have in one's possession alcoholic beverages in containers larger than two liters.
 - d. To be in possession of or under the influence of any drug which is in violation of federal or state law.
 - e. To dispose of garbage, refuse, or trash of any kind except to dispose of the same in receptacles provided for that purpose. Only garbage, refuse, or trash generated on the river or the property is allowed to be disposed of in the receptacles provided.
 - f. To dispose of cut grass, tree trimmings, or personnel property on the property.
 - g. To operate or park any motor vehicle within the boundaries of the property except upon designated roads or parking areas, or with a permit issued by Goodhue County Public Works.
 - h. To operate any vehicle in a reckless manner or at a speed in excess of 10 mph.
 - i. To cut, damage, or remove trees, shrubs, plants, and other vegetation.
 - j. To hunt or disturb wildlife.
 - k. To deface, damage, or remove any property.
 - l. To clean fish and leave remaining waste products on the property.
 - m. To discharge wastewater or sewage onto the property.
 - n. To use, point, discharge or display uncased firearms or other dangerous weapons including explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows, and arrows.
 - o. To be present on the property outside open hours.
 - p. To be in violation of property quiet hours.
 - q. To burn wood, charcoal, or other materials or refuse.
3. Parking for canoe and kayak access only. Units parked for other purposes may be cited and towed at the vehicle owner's expense.
4. Pets are welcome at the canoe & kayak access, as long as they are kept on a leash six feet or shorter and are personally attended at all times. All droppings must be picked up and disposed of. Pets shall not deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of the property by others.
5. Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to immediate removal from the property.
6. This ordinance will take effect upon Goodhue County Board approval.

The property belongs to you. Please treat both the property and the neighbors with respect and help us to protect the community by following the rules.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021.

GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Brad Anderson, Chair
Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

By: _____

Scott Arneson

County Administrator



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TO: Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 30 Jun 21 Park Board Meeting
Byllesby Park Update

Date: 23 Jun 21

Summary

An update regarding Byllesby Park projects is provided below.

Background

Byllesby Park Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Removal Station/Lane:

AIS are a huge concern on lakes in Minnesota. Goodhue County wishes to address this concern by installing specialized lanes along the existing boat parking lot for AIS inspections. The Stanton Township Board approved a Conditional Use Permit for this project on 15 Oct 2019, which allows for development of a 100' long x 25' wide paved lane on the west side of the existing boat trailer parking lot. In conversations last summer with the person performing AIS inspections, it was determined that this layout may not adequately meet the needs of existing boat traffic.

Staff has developed a draft concept with a western lane for outgoing boaters to stop and remove any AIS from their boats, which would be graded to drain into the storm water retention area. An eastern lane would target incoming boaters to make sure their watercrafts are clean before entering the lake. With the pavilion/restroom project, a water source would be provided to Byllesby Park again. Construction of the water supply in that project would allow for future expansion under the parking lot to the AIS removal area. If a fish cleaning house was constructed in the future, Goodhue County would add a hose or hoses to the exterior of the building to allow for further rinsing of watercraft.

Staff met with the Stanton Township Planning Commission on June 8th and the Stanton Township Board on June 15th to request a CUP amendment that would allow for larger inspection areas. The Township Board granted a public hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting on July 13th at 7:15 PM.

Construction date for the AIS removal lane is to be determined. If approved by the Goodhue County AIS Committee for funding, grading and gravel surfacing would be installed late this summer or early this fall, and paving would be incorporated into a regular road construction paving contract in the summer of 2022.

Byllesby Park Picnic Shelter Relocation:

Goodhue County received a Conditional Use Permit from Stanton Township for the Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project on 15 Oct 2019. Part of the project includes relocating an existing picnic shelter to the east of the boat trailer parking lot, in order to make room for the new pavilion. The new location would be approximately 250' from the western property line, approximately 450' from the nearest residence, and at least 100' from the shoreline. Staff is working with Stanton Township on a Zoning Certificate to move the picnic shelter this fall.

Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project:

LOCUS Architecture continues to develop plans for this project, as presented earlier in the meeting. Once finalized, these plans will be presented to Stanton Township for approval of a Zoning Certificate, and submitted for a County Building Permit.

Archaeological work should be completed the week of June 21st or the week of June 28th.

Staff is hoping to post this project for bidding in late 2021 or early 2022, with the bulk of the construction occurring in 2022.

Byllesby Park Berm/Buffer Project:

The eastern 26 acres of Byllesby Park, commonly referred to as "the Goudy Property" or the "Savanna Campground" in the 2017 Byllesby Park Master Plan, is currently an undeveloped and underutilized portion of the park. It is home to a large stockpile of dirt that was excavated during construction of the Mill Towns State Trail connection.

Goodhue County plans to utilize this soil stockpile, along with soil removed during routine county road ditch cleaning/maintenance, to create a berm along Highway 19. The berm would be temporarily seeded to prevent erosion, and later planted with layers of trees and shrubs to create a visual and noise barrier between the park and Highway 19. The berm would vary in height, not to exceed the elevation of the highway. Plantings and wood mulch may be installed under a grant application sometime between 2023-2025. County permitting and MPCA permitting will be required for the project due to the quantity of soil being moved.

Once the soil has been moved, this property may also begin the prairie reconstruction process. After the prairie is well rooted and established, Goodhue County plans to plant bur oak trees throughout to create an oak savanna. As prairie restoration progresses to this property in future years, Goodhue County will continue to work with property owners that are adjacent to this parcel.

This property was recently rezoned at a county level under the Parks and Trails (PT) District. Goodhue County is requesting rezoning at a township level to the Public Park (P-1) Zoning District. The parcel was identified as part of Byllesby Park in the 2017 master plan update, and would create a total of 64 contiguous acres in the Township's P-1 zone at this location. Stanton Township has requested that the zoning at the upper boat landing is first clarified, and both areas are then rezoned at the same time. Public Works staff will work with other county departments and Stanton Township to complete this work.

Byllesby Park Prairie Restoration:

Goodhue County is currently working on reconstructing approximately 8.5 acres of prairie in Byllesby Park. Most of the project area is infrequently mowed and unprogrammed. The restoration areas were sprayed on June 1st to start controlling brome grass, Siberian elm, and other aggressive or invasive species. They will be mowed during the summer months as needed and sprayed again in August. Working with the Goodhue Soil & Water Conservation District, the restoration areas will be dormant seeded late this fall. Although they will look quite bare in 2021, a cover crop of oats will emerge early in 2022, followed by prairie grasses and flowering plants as the weather warms up.

Prairie reconstruction is not an overnight process. Mowing, manual removal, and spot herbicide treatment will be required in 2022 to control weeds as the prairie plants begin to grow and develop. County staff has been working with adjacent landowners on project scope and scheduling, and will continue to work with them as spraying and occasional burning is required.

Goodhue County is excited about the opportunities that these natural resource improvements will bring. In addition to a more natural aesthetic, the park will be able to host educational groups and organizations looking to learn more about prairie plant identification, the prairie ecosystem, study wildlife, develop service projects related to prairie maintenance or tree planting, and more.

Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County:

Goodhue County is currently working on a JPA with Dakota County. This would involve Dakota County handling picnic shelter/pavilion reservations, reservation postings on the buildings, cleaning the restrooms and pavilion, collecting garbage, etc. They are hoping to have a reservation demo ready by the end of August. They will also work with staff and Stanton Township to go over details on how they will handle large group gatherings, alcohol, etc.

Other projects/events Goodhue County anticipates at Byllesby Park in the near future:

- MN DNR deer registration/testing this fall
- Picnic shelters/pavilion transitioning to a reservable status in 2022/2023
- Buckthorn removal on 7.5 acre parcel
- Grant application for berm/buffer plantings
- Tree planting/start bur oak nursery
- Entrance sign installation
- Fish cleaning station
- Nature playground



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RE: 30 Jun 21 Park Board Meeting
Nielsen Memorial Preserve Update

Date: 23 Jun 21

Summary

An update regarding the Nielsen Memorial Preserve (NMP) is provided below.

Background

The Hoisington Koegler Group, Inc. (HKGi) has completed the NMP master plan update and submitted the regional designation application to the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trail Commission (GMRPTC) for their review. Staff met with GMRPTC System Plan Coordinator, Joe Czapiewski; Executive Director, Renee Mattson; and District 6 Representative, Tom Stoa, on May 28th for a site visit in Kenyon. Results of the regional designation review process will hopefully be received soon.

Staff has contacted Zumbro Valley Forestry out of Northfield, MN, for a quote on buckthorn removal.

Staff has also contacted Stantec to request a quote for wetland delineation.

The natural resources survey will continue as time allows.

Cannon Valley Trail Update

The board discussed entering a contact with the MN DNR to maintain a MN DNR recreational trail which connects directly to the Cannon Valley Trail located at Mile 6.1. The MN DNR recreational trail provides recreation for hiking and mountain bikes. The condition of the trail has been in poor condition for the past 20 years. The trail manager discussed the sample contract with the CVT's insurance carrier, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT). MCIT said the contract was typical and not concerning. They also said the insurance requirements of the contract are met by the CVT's MCIT coverage. *The Joint Powers Board approved to enter into a 2-year contract with the MN DNR to provide light duty maintenance of the 1.5 mile interpretive loop/trail located at Mile 6.1.*

The trail manager updated the JPB on access issues to install a vault toilet at the Anderson Memorial Rest Area. The access issue involves crossing a bridge located at Mile 4.5 (near Sunset Trail). The concern is the bridge would not be able to handle the amount of weight transferring the vault toilet. Trail manager provided two options to avoid crossing over the bridge. Option one would be to crane/lift the vault toilet over the bridge and option two would be to build a temporary road around the bridge. Trail manager will continue to research both options and will update the JPB at a future meeting.

In 2020, the JPB hired WHKS Engineering to produce a design to fix the soil slumping at Miles 14 and 16. The JPB hired this work to be done in anticipation of applying for a Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Grant due the end of July 2021. WHKS completed design includes change in trail elevation, installation of drain tile and rip rap rock. Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District also provided input to the plan. *The Joint Powers Board approved to apply for Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Grant to fix the soil slumping issues at Miles 14 and 16.*

Wheel Pass Comparison (Season Pass \$25 Daily \$5):

April – June 2019 Season Pass Total	1618
April – June 2020 Season Pass Total	2331
April – June 2021 Season Pass Total	2780
April – June 2019 Daily Pass Total	N/A
April – June 2020 Daily Pass Total	7652
April – June 2021 Daily Pass Total	4622

Submitted by Scott Roepke

GOODHUE PIONEER STATE TRAIL UPDATE

- 1) Jess Althoff has left her position in Rochester and accepted a new position as the State Program Administrative Director at Fort Snelling State Park.
- 2) The MN DNR is working on purchasing the Hawkinson property from the Parks and Trails Council. This is a crucial link that will extend the trail past Hay Creek and then connect several miles of State land.

Submitted by Roxanne Bartsh