



# GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

## PARK BOARD AGENDA

GOODHUE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS  
2140 PIONEER ROAD, RED WING, MN

JULY 22, 2021

10:00 AM

### **VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE.**

The Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board will be conducting a Park Board meeting on July 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM in the Goodhue County Public Works Conference Room. Goodhue County Public Works staff and some Park Board members will be present at the meeting location, with some Park Board members joining the meeting virtually. The public may attend the meeting in person or from a remote site by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/854521965> or by calling 877-309-2073 OR 646-749-3129 any time during the meeting. Access Code: **854-521-965**

### **Review And Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting.**

Documents:

[06-30-21 PB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

### **Review And Approve The Agenda.**

### **Cascade Canoe & Kayak Launch Rules Ordinance.**

Documents:

[Cascade Canoe-Kayak Access Ordinance.pdf](#)

### **Donations In Honor Of Richard Samuelson.**

Documents:

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### **Byllesby Park Portable Toilets.**

Documents:

[Byllesby Park Portable Restrooms.pdf](#)

### **Byllesby Park Playground Budgeting.**

Documents:

[Byllesby Playground Budgeting.pdf](#)

**For Your Information.**

1. Byllesby Park Update.

Documents:

[Byllesby Park Update.pdf](#)

2. Nielsen Memorial Preserve Update.

Documents:

[NMP Update.pdf](#)

3. Cannon Valley Trail Update.

Documents:

[Cannon Valley 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: June 30, 2021

Meeting Location: Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center – Red Wing, MN  
(Virtual Meeting Option)

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

### Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Todd Greseth	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

Virtual: Barbara Pratt.

Virtual Guests: Ken Burns (Stanton Township), Katie Pata (Dakota County).

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Greseth, and carried to approve the May 11, 2021, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Scott Roepke, and carried to approve the agenda.

Wynne Yelland and Kryshan Hynniewta from LOCUS Architecture presented the schematic design for the Byllesby Park pavilion project. The angle and access of the pavilion's central commons area has been changed slightly and bathrooms have been increased in size to accommodate changing tables, benches and hooks to serve dual purpose as a changing area, and offer some storm protection. The Park Board requested similar bathroom changes at the beach bath building. Discussions of building materials and concrete finishing began at the meeting, and LOCUS will be reaching out to County staff to develop a priorities list. The Park Board discussed different options of installing parking and/or a larger grilling patio near the pavilion, and the possibility of having a food truck cater events.

The Park Board discussed several different ways to utilize the donations in honor of Richard Samuelson, including tree plantings, a bench, a plaque, or naming the pavilion in his honor. Greg Isakson will reach out to Richard's wife to see if the family has a preference.

Cascade Canoe & Kayak Access, Byllesby Park, Nielsen Memorial Preserve, Cannon Valley Trail, and Goodhue Pioneer State Trail updates were provided as part of the agenda.

The next meeting date is July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Ziemer  
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

#### 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*



**Greg Isakson, P.E.**  
*Public Works Director/County Engineer*  
*Goodhue County Public Works Department*

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2140 Pioneer Road  
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TO: Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Cascade Canoe & Kayak Access Rules Ordinance**

Date: 14 Jul 21

Summary

It is requested that the Park Board review and revise the proposed Cascade Canoe & Kayak Access Ordinance, and request County Board approval of the ordinance.

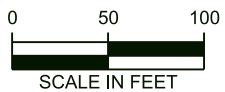
Background

The Stanton Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 13<sup>th</sup> regarding a Conditional Use Permit for the Cascade site development, based on the attached plan.

Several of the CUP special provisions have been incorporated into a draft ordinance for the access site.

Project next steps:

- Stanton Town Board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> for final CUP approval
- Park Board approval of Access Rules Ordinance
- County Land Use Permitting and County Land Alteration Permitting
- Notice of public hearing and enactment of ordinance in paper August 21<sup>st</sup>
- Public hearing and ordinance approval at County Board meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>
- Approval of September 7<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting minutes at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
- Notice of ordinance enactment in paper September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Recording of ordinance week of September 27<sup>th</sup> – ordinance will then be in full effect
- Surveying, staking, and construction of canoe/kayak launch and parking late summer or fall of 2021



GOODHUE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS



## Goodhue County Project - Cascade Canoe Launch

**DRAFT CASCADE CANOE & KAYAK ACCESS RULES ORDINANCE**  
**FOR PARK BOARD REVIEW**

The County Board of Goodhue County ordains:

1. The property shall be open to the public from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes past sunset, except as otherwise posted, and during emergencies. Property quiet hours are from opening time 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: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Donations in Honor of Richard Samuelson**

Date: 14 Jul 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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TO: Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Byllesby Park Portable Restrooms**

Date: 14 Jul 21

Summary

It is requested that the Park Board determine if a portable restroom should remain at the Byllesby Park boat launch over the winter months. This would provide a facility for park visitors that are using the park and lake for ice fishing, snow shoeing, etc., as well as provide a facility for early spring and late fall use. The cost would be \$60 per month for and additional 5-6 months (depending upon weather, the portable restrooms are usually delivered in April or May and picked up in mid- to late-October).



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

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Byllesby Park Playground Budgeting**

Date: 14 Jul 21

#### Summary

It is requested that the Park Board determine a strategy for playground equipment selection and budgeting at Byllesby Park.

#### Background

The Byllesby Park playground was installed by Miracle Recreation Equipment in 2007. Public Works has spent the relatively small amount of approximately \$4,400 replacing worn or broken parts to date, and approximately \$3,000 on replacing wood chips.

Most cities budget for playground replacement every 20 years, some as often as every 15 years. At 20 years, we can expect most parts that have not already been replaced to be cracked, very faded, paint peeling, and having some rusting issues. For budgeting purposes, an increase of 4% per year is recommended. This would put us at a cost of approximately \$126,000 in 2027. That estimate does not include any surfacing. A rubber poured-in-place surface is now recommended for hard structure playgrounds.

If we would be looking to replace the playground in 2027, we should look at applying for a grant as soon as 2024 or 2025. A hard structure playground, similar to what we have, is not eligible for grant funding by the Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission. Only nature-scape playgrounds are eligible. A nature-scape playground is a planned use of the pine grove area for a future project. We could consider applying for a Game Time grant, which usually opens for applications in August and the order must ship by December of the same year. Under this grant, the Playcore PowerScape, PrimeTime, Xscape, and IONiX play systems would be eligible expenses. This grant would have a 50% local match, and payment is due at the time the order is placed. Miracle Recreation, the company that the original play structure was purchased from, also provides the attached grant guide. You can also check out some of their custom playground work here:

<https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/e985d27c#/e985d27c/1>

**Byllesby Park Playground Replacement Budget Information**

<b>Year</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Cost</b>	\$49,868.93	\$51,863.69	\$53,938.23	\$56,095.76	\$58,339.59	\$60,673.18	\$63,100.11	\$65,624.11	\$68,249.07	\$70,979.04
<b>% Increase</b>		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
\$73,818.20	\$76,770.93	\$79,841.76	\$83,035.43	\$86,356.85	\$89,811.13	\$93,403.57	\$97,139.71	\$101,025.30	\$105,066.31	\$109,268.97
4%	4%	4%	4%	4% (20 adv)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

\*cost is for playground structure only, surfacing and curbing would be additional

**7/13/2021**      Conversation with Dan Lanes at MN WI Playground said to estimate cost increase 4% per year for budget purposes, with 20% in 2021  
 Most cities are replacing playgrounds every 20 years, some cities are at 13-15 years  
 At that point, most plastic will be cracking, paint will be peeling off, etc.  
 Recommended poured-in-place rubber for new installations, \$20 per sq ft (per Jay Webber). 4300 sq ft = \$86,000 + concrete curbing  
 In comparison, 12" of new mulch would be about \$3,000 in materials, with installation by County forces, plus disposal costs.  
 Will send us Game Time grant information, they may cover up to 50% of the cost of the structure(s).  
 Hard structure not eligible for Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission grant.

- JZ



# Playground Grant Guide

[www.Miracle-Recreation.com](http://www.Miracle-Recreation.com)



## PLAYGROUND GRANT GUIDE

The following is a list of corporate and foundation grant opportunities across the United States, which we have compiled for your convenience. You can find more opportunities like these by looking in your state, county and local community. For government grants, consult the resources, agencies and programs in your state and city. Please note, grants from the following organizations are made primarily to 501(c)(3) registered charitable organizations.

For additional funding resources, visit [www.Miracle-Recreation.com/Funding](http://www.Miracle-Recreation.com/Funding).

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### **Aegon Transamerica Foundation**

<https://www.transamerica.com/individual/why-transamerica/who-we-are/aegon-transamerica-foundation>

Through a combination of financial grants and the volunteer commitment of their employees, this foundation supports non-profit organizations focused on the education, health and well-being of the communities where we live and work.

### **American Academy of Dermatology**

<https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants>

The AAD's Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants to public schools and non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations such as playgrounds, pools, or recreation spaces.

### **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/find-grants-sponsorships.html>

We are helping build thriving communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability.

### **BNSF Railway Foundation**

<http://bnsffoundation.org>

The mission of the BNSF Railway Foundation is to support and help improve quality of life for thousands of communities across the 28 states where BNSF operates.

### **Bridgestone Americas, Inc.**

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community/social-contributions>

The Trust Fund and company donations are intended to focus on organizations with missions supporting Bridgestone's three Priority Areas of Mobility, People and Environment.

### **Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation**

<https://www.christopherreeve.org/get-support/grants-for-non-profits>

The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations that impact and empower people living with paralysis, their families and caregivers.

### **Citizens Bank**

<https://www.citizensbank.com/community/overview.aspx>

Through our Citizens Helping Citizens initiative, we invest our time, resources and energy to support the communities in which we live and work.

### **Coca-Cola Foundation**

<https://www.coca-colacompany.com/shared-future/communities/the-coca-cola-foundation>

Since its inception, the Foundation has supported learning inside and outside the classroom. However, addressing critical community challenges and opportunities is an evolving process.

### **Conagra Brands Foundation**

<https://www.conagrabrands.com/our-company/conagra-brands-foundation>

We partner with respected community-based nonprofits that provide highly effective programs to transform people's lives.

### **Costco Foundation**

<https://www.costco.com/charitable-giving.html>

Costco Wholesale's primary charitable efforts specifically focus on programs supporting children, education, and health and human services in the communities where we do business.

### **CSX**

<https://www.csx.com/index.cfm/community-investment/charitable-investments/community-service-grants>

CSX Community Service Grants assist organizations that make a strong, quantifiable impact on their greater communities.

### **CVS**

<https://cvshealth.com/social-responsibility/our-giving>

We are committed to supporting the communities we serve through impactful and meaningful engagement.

### **Darden Restaurants Foundation Grants**

<https://www.darden.com/citizenship/people/community-involvement>

The Darden Restaurants Foundation, supported by Darden Restaurants (operators of Red Lobster, The Olive Garden and other restaurants), makes grants in communities in which Darden has facilities.

### **David & Lucile Packard Foundation**

<https://www.packard.org>

The Children, Families, and Communities Program works to give all children the opportunity to reach their full potential.

### **Discover**

<https://www.discover.com/company/corporate-responsibility/donations-sponsorships/>

Discover believes in being a good corporate citizen, particularly in communities where our employees live and work.

### **Enterline Foundation**

<https://enterlinefoundation.org>

Their vision is one of lasting progress and sustainable solutions to address the range of needs among the intellectual and developmental disabilities population.

### **FitLot & AARP**

<https://fitlot.org>

AARP has teamed up with FitLot to donate AARP-Sponsored, Outdoor Fitness Parks throughout the US, including the U.S Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

### **Foresters Financial**

<https://www.foresters.com/en/foresters-difference/community-grants#gref>

Each year, Foresters Financial™ enriches the lives of our members and their families by offering thousands of dollars in complimentary member benefits that include financial grants.

### **Ford Motor Company Fund**

<https://corporate.ford.com/community.html>

Since 1949, the Ford Motor Company Fund has worked with nonprofit partners and Ford dealers to provide access to opportunities and resources that help all people reach their full potential.

### **Fuel Up to Play 60**

<https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/funding/general-information>

Sponsored by the National Dairy Council, state and regional Dairy Councils and other supporting organizations, the competitive, nationwide funding program provides money to jumpstart healthy changes.

### **General Motors**

<https://www.gm.com/our-company/social-investment.html>

General Motors works to create sustainable solutions that improve the communities in which we live and work around the world.

### **Google Adwords for Non-Profits**

<https://www.google.com/grants>

Google Ad Grants makes it easy to launch effective campaigns, with advertising solutions designed for nonprofits of all shapes and sizes.

### **H&R Block Foundation**

[www.blockfoundation.org/nonprofit\\_organizations/index.html](http://www.blockfoundation.org/nonprofit_organizations/index.html)

The Foundation supports neighborhood revitalization efforts that improve both the current residents' quality of life and the physical infrastructure of low-income neighborhoods.

### **Home Depot – Building Healthy Communities**

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Our primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.

### **Humana Foundation**

<https://www.humanafoundation.org/Foundation>

The Humana Foundation aims to promote more healthy days and encourage greater health equity.

### **James M. Cox Foundation**

<https://www.coxenterprises.com/corporate-responsibility/james-m-cox-foundation>

The foundation provides philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations in communities where Cox Enterprises does business.

### **JP Morgan Chase Foundation**

<https://impact.jpmorganchase.com/impact>

At JPMorgan Chase, we are investing in our customers, employees and communities around the world to break down barriers to opportunity and create an economy that works for more people.

### **KaBOOM! Community Partnership Grants**

<https://kaboom.org/grants>

KaBOOM! Grants opportunities to help communities take bold steps toward beginning or completing playspace projects.

### **Let's Play**

<https://www.letsplay.com>

Keurig Dr. Pepper is providing kids, families and communities with the funding, equipment and play spaces to help make active play a daily priority.

**LIDS Foundation**

<https://www.lidsfoundation.org>

With a mission to support young people in our communities, the Foundation works to engage them in sports-related activities, including active and healthy lifestyles as well as leadership and growth opportunities.

**May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust**

<https://smithct.org>

The May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust envisions a human community that recognizes each individual as vital to the strength, richness, and well-being of the whole, and that motivates, empowers, and invites each to contribute and participate according to his or her ability and potential.

**MetLife**

<https://www.metlife.com/metlife-foundation/index.html>

The MetLife Foundation makes grants to partners with an ability to reach low income households. The goal is to empower people to lead healthy, productive lives and strengthen communities.

**Morgan Stanley Foundation**

<https://www.morganstanley.com/about-us/giving-back>

Morgan Stanley is committed to giving back to the communities where we live and work through long-lasting partnerships, community-based delivery and engaging our best asset—Morgan Stanley employees.

**National Association of Education**

<http://www.nea.org/grants/grantsawardsandmore.html>

The NEA Foundation awards grants to public school educators to enhance teaching and learning.

**Network for Good**

<https://learn.networkforgood.com/nfggrant.html>

This grant program's purpose is to promote fundraising activities and capacity building that can lead to revenue sustainability.

**Project Fit America**

<https://www.projectfitamerica.org>

We are a national agency that works at the grassroots level with schools and front-line educators to create new opportunities for kids to be active, fit and healthy.

**Rite Aid Foundation**

<https://www.riteaid.com/about-us/the-rite-aid-foundation/kidcents-charity/grants>

The Rite Aid Foundation established the KidCents Regional Grants program to support nonprofit organizations that serve children and youth grades K-12 and improve the quality of life in Rite Aid communities.

**Shell Oil Company Foundation**

<https://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html>

Focus on civic and human needs in the community while promoting healthy lifestyles, major and cultural arts that promote access to underserved students and communities, and disaster relief efforts.

**Surdna Foundation**

<https://surdna.org>

The Surdna Foundation supports social justice reform, healthy environments, inclusive economies, and thriving cultures across the United States.



**TJX Companies, Inc.**

<https://www.tjx.com/responsibility/communities/our-us-foundation>

Our Community Mission is to provide value to our communities by helping vulnerable families and children access the resources and opportunities they need to build a better future.

**US Bank Foundation**

<https://www.usbank.com/community/community-possible-grant-program.aspx>

Through U.S. Bank's Community Possible grant program, we invest in efforts to create stable jobs, safe homes and communities.

**Walmart Foundation**

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give>

Our philanthropic approach is rooted in our company's mission to create opportunity, so people can live better.

**Wells Fargo Foundation**

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/>

We use our resources and expertise to address complex societal issues and pave a path to stability and financial success for the underserved.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

<https://www.wkkf.org/what-we-do/overview>

Concentrates its resources on early childhood, within the context of families and communities, offers the best opportunity to dramatically reduce the vulnerability caused by poverty and racial inequity over time.

For additional funding resources, visit [www.Miracle-Recreation.com/Funding](http://www.Miracle-Recreation.com/Funding).

*Results shown in this document are as of August 2020 and will be updated periodically.*



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FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Byllesby Park Update**

Date: 14 Jul 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 8<sup>th</sup> and the Stanton Township Board on June 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM. The public and the Planning Commission were supportive of the improvements. A request for final approval will go before the Stanton Township Board at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 was completed on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Once the final report is available, it will be submitted to the DNR and the picnic shelter can then be relocated. There was only one Native American artifact found – a piece of stone chipping debris from tool making. That findspot is not eligible for the National Register, so no further archaeological work will be required.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 22 Jul 21 Park Board Meeting  
**Nielsen Memorial Preserve Update**

Date: 14 Jul 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 28<sup>th</sup> for a site visit in Kenyon. Unfortunately, the park only received a “medium” ranking and is not eligible for regional designation or Legacy grant funding at this time.

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

New monument signs have been delivered and the crew will begin working on installing them at Old West Main Street in Red Wing, Lower A.P. Anderson Park in Red Wing, Cannon Bottom Road, Welch Station Access, Archie Swenson Fields in Cannon Falls, and Grove Street in Cannon Falls. This project is possible in part due to a grant from the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission.

Wheel Pass sales have been doing very well this year.

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