

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: July 25, 2024

Meeting Location: Goodhue County Byllesby Park – Cannon Falls, MN

Meeting Time: 12:00 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
<i>Vacant</i>	Trail Rep
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Director of Public Works
Jennifer Ziemer	Staff: Admin Assistant- PW

Absent: Mike Melstad, Bernie Overby

Other members of the public present: Ken Burns

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Greseth, and carried to approve the January 25, 2024, Park Board Minutes.

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

Staff discussed proposed revisions to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws. The current by-laws have been reviewed by staff, as well as one of the County Commissioners, the Park Board Chair, and the Vice-Chair. Several questions and ideas were expressed including: if there would be an application process, who the potential applications would be mailed or emailed to, whether the Cannon Valley Trail Manager should be a permanent member, if there should be additional members, and if the word “service” should be added to Article III, Section 2 to read ...”two representatives from area recreational or service organizations.” The by-laws will be brought back to the next Park Board meeting for final review, revision, approval, and recommendation of approval to the County Board.

The Park Board reviewed the memorial request from the family of Garrett Berg. They determined that a memorial would be the financial responsibility of the family, and a memorial bench would be a good option if agreeable to the family. They advised staff to respond to the Berg family’s request with this information, with Commissioner Anderson and Chair Janie Farrar being willing to attend a meeting for the family.

Staff discussed the potential for providing discounted rental rates at the Richard Samuelson Pavilion to youth and educational groups. With the facility in its first year of operation, the Park Board decided to wait to evaluate this idea until a full season of reservations and special use requests has occurred.

Staff provided an update on the Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project, as well as a new parks position within the Public Works Department.

A Cannon Valley Trail Update was provided by Scott Roepke, attached to the agenda.

The next meeting date is November 7, 2024.

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It was moved by Barbara Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Public Works Special Projects Coordinator

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