



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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

PARK BOARD AGENDA

GOODHUE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
2140 PIONEER RD, RED WING

FEBRUARY 9, 2015
1:30 PM

1. Call Meeting To Order.
2. Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting.
3. Review Campground Proposals.
4. Review Letters Requesting County Not Sell Park Land.

Documents: [REQUEST LETTERS.PDF](#)
5. Review Letter Requesting Lakeshore Property Be Turned Back To Homeowners.

Documents: [LBIA REQUEST.PDF](#)
6. Master Planning At Lake Byllesby And Kenyon Nielsen Parks.
7. Recommendation For Hastings - Red Wing Trail Parcel.
8. Cannon Valley Trail Update.
9. Goodhue Pioneer Trail Update.
10. Red Wing - Lake City Trail Update.
11. Next Meeting Date.
12. Adjourn.



January 22, 2016

Mr. Scott O. Arneson
Goodhue County Administrator
509 West Fifth Street
Red Wing, MN 55066

Dear Scott,

The Board of Directors of the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber Board) learned of and discussed the Goodhue County Board's recent decision to offer for sale a parcel of public land adjacent to the Lake Byllesby Park for development of a privately owned campground.

It is the opinion of the Chamber Board, that the Goodhue County Park at Lake Byllesby is a regionally important recreational destination that annually attracts thousands of visitors to Goodhue County, as well as providing significant economic impact to the benefit of the entire county.

The Chamber Board asks Goodhue County retain ownership of the parcel and to consider partnering with Dakota County to develop a master plan that would encompass the entire Lake Byllesby Park system, so that this regionally significant destination is preserved for generations to come.

Please share this letter with the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and the Goodhue County Park Board Members. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

2016 Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

John Peterson	Dr. Pat Prochaska
Gary Schmidgall	Machelle Anderson
Glenn Christian	Jeremy Groth
Chris Weigmann	Jeff Reinhardt

Patricia A. Anderson, Chamber President



January 13, 2016

Mr. Scott O. Arneson
Goodhue County Administrator
509 West Fifth Street
Red Wing, MN 55066

Dear Scott,

Commissioner Anderson met with the *Economic Development Authority (Authority)* to discuss a recent decision by the County Board to sell public land near Lake Byllesby for development of a privately owned campground. Following discussion, the *Authority* instructed me to send a letter to the Commissioners, County Staff and Park Board members asking that this land not be sold but rather that the property be retained for public recreational use and that a *Master Plan* be prepared for the area. Would you kindly pass this letter on to the Commissioner's, appropriate Staff and to members of the Goodhue County Park Board for their review and consideration?

If you (or others) have any questions please be sure to let me know. Best wishes for 2016 and thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Dave'.

Dave Maroney
Director of Economic Development and Planning



January 5, 2015

To: Goodhue County Commissioners

From: Lake Byllesby Improvement Association

RE: Proposal for Goodhue County Land Transfer on Lake Byllesby

It has been almost thirty-two (32) years since the Dakota County Commissioners in conjunction with the Minnesota State Legislature created an authorization for the sale of Dakota County land to adjacent/contiguous landowners on the Lake Byllesby Reservoir. Since then, there have been numerous requests for equal **lakeshore** property rights to be granted to adjacent residents on the Goodhue County portion of Lake Byllesby. With Goodhue County's 2010 divestiture of partial ownership of the Byllesby Dam and control structure, the time is now for settling this long standing concern of Goodhue County residents, and putting all Lake Byllesby area property owners on the same footing.

This correspondence is a request from the Lake Byllesby Improvement Association, on behalf of the Goodhue County property owners along the shores of Lake Byllesby, **to allow these same landowners to purchase the current Goodhue County property which lies directly between their residences and the lake (856.7 msl)**. And as a result of this action, these neighbors would then enjoy the same opportunities for "lakeshore ownership" which has been realized since 1984 by their counterparts in Dakota County. It is anticipated, based on conversations with local realtors, that not only would property values increase for individual owners, but more importantly lakeshore ownership on Lake Byllesby would be consistent, and not discriminatory. Substantial revenue would be generated to Goodhue County from the immediate sale/transfer and annually as this land is placed on Goodhue County tax rolls. Property Tax Revenue rises even further as home values increase with "lakeshore" versus "lakeview" designations.

As our two counties have now begun to initiate *cooperative efforts* in shared planning, resources, and law enforcement regarding Lake Byllesby, correcting this long "divisive element" in our two counties would go a long way toward the mutually-cooperative spirit and goodwill of the entire area.

The Lake Byllesby Improvement Association was instrumental in assisting in the 1980's Dakota County land transfer legislation. If legislative approval is required for a closed, non-bid Goodhue County land sale, our organization would be prepared to work with Goodhue County to petition the legislature as it did on behalf of the Dakota County landowners in 1984.

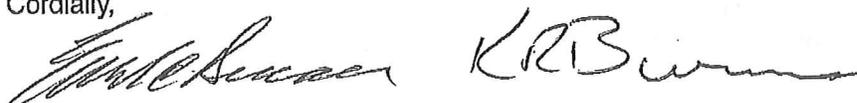
Related to this land sale is the Goodhue County Park trail extending west from the paved trails in Lake Byllesby Park. The L.B.I.A. has long advocated vacating this trail because of its almost universal use by persons who violate trespassing laws in the cliff area on Boy Scouts of America private property. Highly dangerous activity is strongly encouraged by easy access from the Goodhue County Park trail. Young people are injured annually. When one becomes seriously

mained or killed, as well as the cliff property owners being held liable, Goodhue County could easily be included in liability lawsuits initiated by loved ones. Long stretches of private ownership of land between the park and the Boy Scouts of America land would discourage trespassers, as "most of the current offenders come to the cliffs via the Goodhue County Park trail" (Goodhue County Sheriffs' office). Patrolling the Park "trail to the cliffs" is also currently an enormous drain on Goodhue County law enforcement who, despite their frequent patrols, catch only a small percentage of the thousands of trespassers annually breaking the law.

Please accept the attached petition, unanimously signed by fifty-three (53) landowners and residents of **each and every one of the affected properties**, asking you "for the opportunity to purchase the lakeshore land between their currently owned property and the true lakeshore (recreational level) of Lake Byllesby."

May we meet, at your earliest convenience, in hopes of resolving this long-standing, controversial situation, and to commence generating *goodwill and cooperation* among ALL lakeshore residents in this area.

Cordially,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Earl Benson' and the second is 'Ken Burns'.

Lake Byllesby Improvement Association

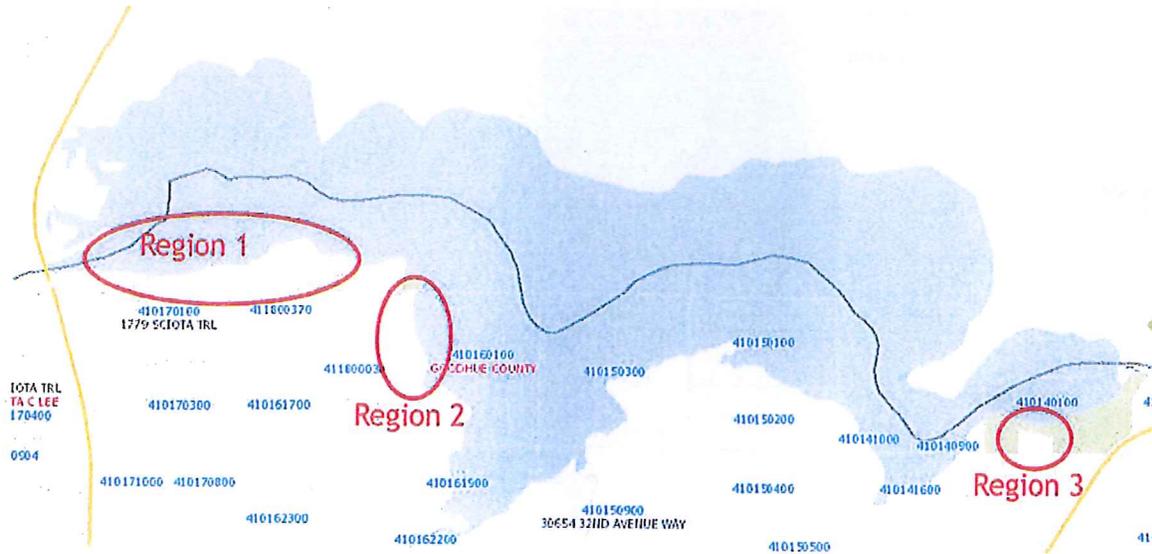
Dr. Earl Benson, President-LBIA

Mr. Ken Burns, Vice President-LBIA

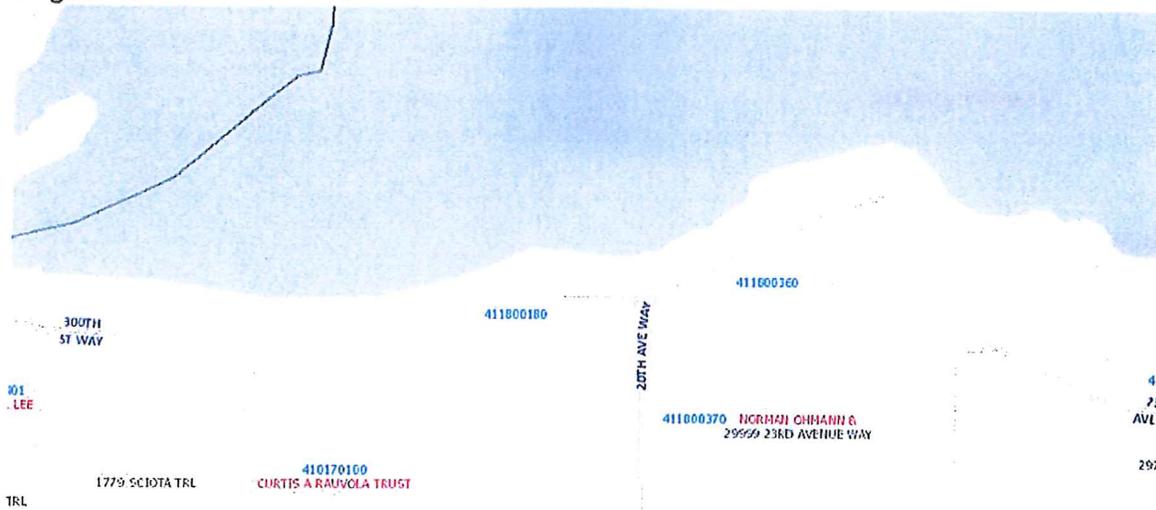
cc : Goodhue County Commissioners: Anderson, Seifert, Rechtzigel, Allen, Majerus, County
Administrator Scott Arneson

attachment: 2015 Petition

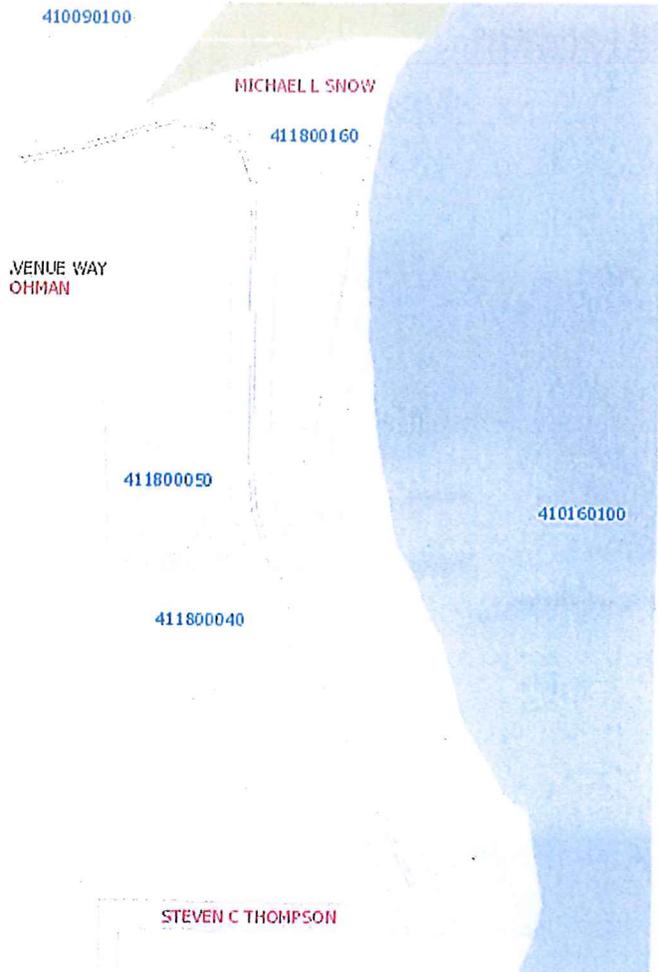
Lake Byllesby Lakeshore Landowners Petition Property Locations



Region 1:



Region 2:



Region 3:

