

Unofficial minutes – quorum was not met for the meeting.

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: May 10, 2016

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

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Ron Allen	Commissioner
Sean Dowse	5 st District Rep
Vince Cockriel	2 nd District Rep
Mairi Doerr	3 rd District Rep
Andru Peters	4 th District Rep
TBD by C. Allen	1 th District Rep
TBD by CVT Joint Pwrs Board	Cannon Valley Trail Rep
Roxanne Bartsh	Goodhue Pioneer Trail Rep
Greg Isakson	Staff: Director of Public Works
Willie Root	Staff: Solid Waste Official
Jennifer Ziemer	Staff: Admin Assistant- PW
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Deputy Director/Assist Eng

Absent: Sean Dowse, Mairi Doerr, Andru Peters

Vince Cockriel called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM.

The minutes from the 3/2/16 meeting were not able to be approved as a quorum was not met for the meeting.

Greg Isakson discussed the interview process Dakota County used to select a consultant to update the master plan for their Regional Lake Byllesby Park. Greg attended the interviews and was impressed with the consultant they chose, called HKGi. This consultant has worked extensively with Dakota County and is currently working on the Barn Bluff Master Plan for the City of Red Wing. Additionally, HKGi is working on three projects for Olmstead County that will utilize the same Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Council criteria that our master plan will need to meet. Greg requested separate proposals from HKGi for a Master Plan Update for Goodhue County's Byllesby Park and the new Goodhue County Park in the Kenyon Area. He presented those proposals to the Park Board. The proposals will go to the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners on May 17th for approval. Once approved, Goodhue County Public Works staff and the Park Board will work closely with Dakota County on the concurrent but separate master planning processes.

Greg Isakson gave an update on the land purchase for the future Hastings to Red Wing Trail. Goodhue County's offer was much lower than the landowner was expecting. The next step will be to find other comparable land sales and look at the price. Commissioner Anderson suggested talking to Peggy Trebil in the Assessor's Office for possible comparable land sale information.

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Lake Byllesby landowner petition will be going to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on May 17th. Without a quorum being met, the Park Board was unable to provide a recommendation on this issue.

Greg Isakson gave an update on the Mill Towns Trail connection in the Dakota County Park. Fitzgerald Excavating will be performing grading work on the north side of the bridge along the gravel road and up to the powerhead. Dakota County will be grading and paving a trail to their parking lot by the pavilion.

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The boat races at Lake Byllesby will not be held this year due to the low water levels from the dam construction project.

The Cannon Valley Trail is reinstating a Finance Committee to work on investments for the Trail. There is a gravel mine in Vasa Township that is close to the CVT and is looking at becoming more active. The quarry owners are currently working with the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department on this issue.

Roxanne Bartsh provided an update on the Goodhue-Pioneer Trail. The Trail is still hoping to receive money from the legislature this session from the House Bonding Bill. The Senate's Bonding Bill did not pass. Land sales will begin closing soon between landowners and the Trail to acquire the property necessary to the extend the Goodhue-Pioneer Trail out to Goodhue CSAH 6. Construction will begin in Zumbrota this spring on the trailhead/visitor center.

The Mississippi Blufflands Trail (Red Wing – Lake City Trail) held a public meeting at the Wacouta Town Hall on April 26th. The Trail is currently working on developing a trail corridor, preferred routes, and a master plan. A connection to the Rattlesnake Trail is part of the Trail's state designation, but Wacouta residents were opposed to using part of their Rattlesnake Trail for the Mississippi Blufflands Trail.

The next meeting date is to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM without an official motion due to lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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