

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: September 27, 2016

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

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Ron Allen	Commissioner
Mike Melstad	1 st District Rep
Vince Cockriel	2 nd District Rep
Mairi Doerr	3 rd District Rep
Andru Peters	4 th District Rep
TBD by C/Seifert	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
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Deputy Director/Assist Eng

Absent: Ron Allen and Mike Melstad.

Also joined by: Janie Farrar, potential 5th District Park Board Representative.

Vince Cockriel called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

It was moved by C/Anderson, seconded by Andru Peters, and carried to approve the August 10, 2016, Park Board Minutes.

Greg Isakson provided updates on the Byllesby Park master planning process. Stakeholder meetings were held on September 15th and 19th, with a community open house on September 19th. The consultants will now review the public input and conclude the first part of the master planning process – the inventory and research phase.

In order to use the Kenyon property as a park, the County must obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The Land Use Management Department is working on the CUP and is creating one platted parcel of the property. This will go before the Goodhue County Planning Commission on October 17th at 7:00 PM. It will then go before the County Board of Commissioners on November 1st for approval. Public Works would also like to bring an agenda item for a Park Ordinance establishing rules for the Kenyon Park. These rules may need to be revised once the master planning process is complete, but would provide enforceable rules during the hunting season this fall. A Public Hearing for adopting the Ordinance would be held at the County Board meeting. Scott Roepke asked if it would be possible to move the County Board agenda item up to the October 18th meeting to provide more time to sign the park before the hunting season. Public Works staff agreed to check on this and move the agenda item up to October 18th if possible.

The Park Board reviewed the rules for Goodhue County Byllesby Park before determining proposed rules for the Kenyon Park. Several park board members suggested that we work with Dakota County to establish park hours that are consistent on both sides of the lake once the master planning process is complete. The Byllesby Park Rules Ordinance will be reviewed at that time and most likely brought before the County Board with revisions.

Using the Goodhue County Byllesby Park Rules as a template, the Park Board provided the following suggestions to adapt the rules for the Kenyon Park:

- Rule 1: Check to see what Dakota County's park hours are and keep the hours consistent at the Kenyon Park.
- Park closed during local MN deer firearms seasons should be added as Rule 2, keeping it very visible towards the top of the list. Permission should be required to retrieve game from the property.

Mission Statement

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- To amend the fourth prohibited activity as follows: To burn or otherwise dispose of garbage, refuse, or trash of any kind. This is a carry-in; carry-out park.
- To amend the ninth prohibited activity to include a policy on foraging for wild berries, nuts, and fungi that is similar to state park rules. Public Works staff agreed to research the state park wording.
- To eliminate the twelfth, thirteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth prohibited activities as they are not currently applicable to the Kenyon Park property or are sufficiently covered by other rules.
- To amend the fourteenth prohibited activity as follows: To display or have in one's possession firearms or other dangerous weapons including explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows, and arrows. The rules need to be different at Byllesby Park because hunters are using the boat launch as access and may be carrying cased firearms. That will not be applicable at the Kenyon Park.
- Rule 3: Omit the second sentence pertaining to pets in buildings and swimming areas as it does not apply to the Kenyon Park at this time. Add that pets shall not harass wildlife. Mairi Doerr suggested implementing a leash law which will be revisited after the master planning is complete.
- Rule 4: Will be left in for now, may be revised if horse trails are incorporated into the master plan.
- Rule 5: Change to prohibit fires within the park for now until development begins and designated firepit areas are constructed.

Orange Kenyon Park Boundary signs will be ordered marking the land as Goodhue County Park Property and ordering the park closed during deer hunting firearms seasons (shotgun and muzzleloader) with no trespassing. Signs will be posted approximately every 250'. The side of the sign that faces the park land will be clearly marked with orange vinyl decals to notify park users of the park boundary. Greg Isakson proposed adding reflective cans around each post to help people delineate park boundaries at night. Due to the land being heavily wooded, night can come quickly and may catch park users off guard. The Park Board was supportive of the signage and reflective cans.

Greg Isakson provided an update on the Close property acquisition for the Red Wing-Hastings Trail. The MN Parks and Trails Council is still working through the titling process. They need to quiet the title and obtain necessary signatures that were missed when the property was previously sold.

Scott Roepke provided an update on the Cannon Valley Trail. The trail has sustained some flood damages during recent high waters. They have had some asphalt loss, had a bridge offset, and have had to close some portions of the trail due to flooding. They are working on their master plan as well. They have had great public input through an online survey and will be hosting their first round of stakeholder meetings soon. They have also developed some great promotional videos that are now available on their website.

Roxanne Bartsh provided an update on the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail. There have been high water concerns by Zumbrota as well, but they have not had to close the trail. Some clearing has already begun for the construction of their trail head/visitor center in Zumbrota.

Andru Peters gave an update on the Red Wing – Lake City Trail. They have had several meetings with local landowners and interest groups throughout the summer. They now have a draft version of their master plan that is currently being reviewed.

Future meeting date is to be determined.

It was moved by C/Anderson, seconded by Mairi Doerr, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jennifer Ziemer
 Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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