

The minutes will be presented for approval at the next Park Board meeting.

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: April 29, 2022

Meeting Location: Goodhue County Public Works – Red Wing, MN
(Virtual Meeting Optional)

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

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
Roxanne Bartsh	Goodhue Pioneer Trail Rep
Greg Isakson	Staff: Director of Public Works
Jennifer Ziemer	Staff: Admin Assistant- PW

Absent: Barbara Pratt, Scott Roepke, Roxanne Bartsh.

Virtual: Todd Greseth, Bernie Overby.

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Greseth, and carried to approve the April 7, 2022, Park Board Minutes.

Greg Isakson requested to add the pavilion groundbreaking ceremony to the agenda. It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried to approve the agenda with the addition.

Public Works staff provided an update on the Bylesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project.

The contractor is proposing working hours of 6:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The Park Board discussed these hours, as they are within the designated quiet hours for the park. They comply with Stanton Township’s Park Zone Performance Standards, so the Park Board agreed to allow work to begin at 6:00 AM. The Park Board requested that staff send a letter to the park neighbors, notifying them of the project hours and start date. The Park Board also requested that information be sent to the Cannon Falls Beacon to inform the public about the project and potential impacts to park users this summer.

Staff presented very preliminary drafts for interpretive plaques for the pavilion, created by the architect to spark discussion for this topic. The Park Board suggested more research and potentially creating boards that could be rotated in the pavilion and/or kiosks around the park. Some suggested topics were the history of the dam, the Cannon River, the mills that used to exist along the river, information on Richard Samuelson, more information on the laborers that built the dam, indigenous people, etc. Staff suggested potentially working with Steve Dabelow at the Cannon Falls historical society for more information. Ken Burns also suggested checking the Lbia website for more information. The Park Board suggested creating draft documents to bring to a County Board Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The Park Board discussed potential names for the shelter buildings at Bylesby Park to better identify them in the new reservation system. The picnic shelters will be named the following:

- Beach Shelter – east of the boat trailer parking lot
- Pine Grove Shelter – west of the boat trailer parking lot

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- Byllesby Dam Shelter – closest to the dam
- Staff will check with Richard Samuelson’s wife, Jerrie, to see if the family has a preference for the pavilion to be called the Richard Samuelson Pavilion, Samuelson Pavilion, etc. The two wings will be identified as East and West.

These names can easily be changed until later this summer/fall when the reservations go live.

The Park Board discussed potential changes to the Byllesby Park Ordinance to better align it with Dakota County’s ordinance. This will help make it less confusing for park visitors that may rent a facility on either side of the lake. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Mike Melstad to:

- add an item to the ordinance under #2 stating “To use tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in areas other than the parking lots.”
- Modify alcohol regulations to match Dakota County’s rules.

The motion passed, with Commissioner Anderson, Bernie Overby, Mike Melstad, and Janie Farrar in favor; Commissioner Greseth and Barbara Pratt opposed. Roxanne Bartsh and Mairi Doerr had left the meeting just before the vote, at 3:00, as they needed to be at other meetings.

The Byllesby Park reservation process, park message boards, and park planning priorities will be discussed at the next Park Board meeting.

Potential next meeting dates are April 29th at 9:00 or May 4th at 9:00.

It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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