



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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PARK BOARD AGENDA

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2018
1:30 PM

1. Call Meeting To Order.
2. Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting.

Documents:

[10-11-18 PB MINUTES.PDF](#)

3. Cannon Valley Trail Update.
4. Goodhue Pioneer State Trail Update.
5. Hastings To Red Wing Trail Update.
6. Mississippi Blufflands State Trail Update.
7. Byllesby Park Pavilion Design.
8. 2019 Project Priorities.
9. Next Meeting Date.
10. Adjourn.

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

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: October 11, 2018

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

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Barney Nesseth	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
Jess Greenwood	Staff: Deputy Director/Assist Eng

Absent: Scott Roepke, Barbara Pratt.

Mairi Doerr called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. It was moved by C. Anderson, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to approve the September 6, 2018, Park Board Minutes.

No Cannon Valley Trail update was given.

Roxanne Bartsh reported that the state is still working on the acquisition of 1 mile of property for the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail to get across Goodhue County Rd 6.

There was nothing new to report on the Hastings-Red Wing Trail or the Mississippi Blufflands State Trail.

Bernie Overby reported that Kenyon Township is working with Richland Township to swap roads under their township line road maintenance agreement so that Kenyon Township would be responsible for Goodhue Avenue, which provides access to the Nielsen Memorial Preserve. He also reported that the gun hunting season begins November 2nd this year. Greg Isakson has discussed the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission (GMRPTC) regional designation application for the Nielsen Memorial Preserve with Joe Czapiewski, GMRPTC System Plan Coordinator. The committee that reviewed the application had concerns regarding the park's ability to become a regional destination and not just a local attraction. They would like to see how the county will encourage gentle public use of the property (through marketing, programming, and signage) that will capture the interesting features of the park while protecting its natural resources. Joe encouraged staff to reach out to DNR officials involved in programming for their review, suggestions, and a letter of support demonstrating that Goodhue County will be able to attract the right number of people to be a regional designation and still be able to protect the resources of this small property. Park Board members suggested reaching out to Rich Kincaid-Science teacher at Kenyon schools, the Nature Conservancy, Kenyon Community Education & Recreation, City of Kenyon Park Board, the regional Extension Office, River Bend Nature Center, and the Sportsmen's Club for programming ideas and to determine interested parties and how they may use the park. County staff plans to walk the recently acquired 10 acres to the north of the Preserve with A. Story, the former landowner, this fall. They plan to tag trees that Mr. Story would like preserved and stake out a proposed winding route through the woods and into the main area of the park. DNR Ecologists will visit the park with staff in the spring to assess the proposed route and determine if it should be altered to protect any particular plant communities. The access road will then be designed by County staff the following winter as time allows. A question of access to the Preserve was discussed, as well as a long-

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standing idea of re-establishing the old railroad bed from the City of Kenyon to the Preserve as a bike trail. While quite scenic, several Park Board members felt that local land owners would not be supportive of this idea. Mairi Doerr noted that when she moved to the Kenyon area back in 1985, Harold Nielsen, donator of a majority of the Preserve property, was lobbying for the state to purchase the railroad property for use as a trail and his proposition was shot down. Mr. Nielsen was quite a forward thinker and pioneer, as the Root River Trail wasn't even in existence yet.

The Park Board discussed the proposed timeline created by staff and determined it to be an acceptable guideline for park development.

The Park Board also discussed ideas for the pavilion building at Byllesby Park. They were in favor of the pavilion housing restrooms for park users; an open-air pavilion with a lockable kitchen area possibly containing counter space, a sink, refrigerator, and serving window; accommodating approximately 150 people with room for expansion; the possibility of being able to close in the sides of the pavilion in inclement weather; and a reservation system that allows for charging a rental fee to use the pavilion and picnic shelters. The next meeting will further explore these options. The next step will then be hiring a consultant to prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate to present to the County Board, Stanton Township, and use for grant applications.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 1:30 PM.

It was moved by C. Anderson, seconded by Janie Farrar, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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