

## Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: September 9, 2020

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

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

### Members

Brad Anderson	Commissioner
Barney Nesseth	Commissioner
Mike Melstad	1 <sup>st</sup> District Rep
Mairi Doerr	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Rep
Bernie Overby	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Rep
Barbara Pratt	4 <sup>th</sup> District Rep
Janie Farrar	5 <sup>th</sup> 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: Barney Nesseth, Barbara Pratt.

Phone: Roxanne Bartsh.

Guests: Ken Burns, Dave Garner.

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to approve the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to approve the July 8, 2020, Park Board Minutes.

The Cascade canoe/kayak launch was discussed as a follow-up to the site visit with nearby property owners on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Most neighbors were supportive of Option A and Option B, with the exception of the neighbor that has property closest to Option B. Mike Melstad proposed increased screening to help protect/enhance the privacy of the neighbors and canoe improvements below OHWL if needed as water levels change. Scott Roepke preferred the shorter walking distance to both the launch and landing in Option A, and also suggested possibly installing lights. Commissioner Anderson preferred the practicality of Option A regarding drop off and the parking direction as it relates to headlights at night. He also supported additional screening and installing delineators to keep people on the property to avoid trespassing issues. It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Scott Roepke, and carried to approve option A with additional screening for neighbors.

Greg Isakson and Jennifer Ziemer reviewed safety concerns that have been presented by the Sheriff's Office and the AIS inspector at Byllesby Park. The Park Board was supportive of an easier-to-use barricade to block off the eastern lane when the parking lot is full, staying up-to-date on blue-green algae concerns and appropriate notices, clear and professional parking signage, improving traffic flow, and adding signage at the boat landing for pedestrian safety.

Park planning priorities were discussed. Scott Roepke rated his top priority as the NMP designation, with the berm/savanna restoration project as a second top priority, and mentioned that a CPL grant may be another alternative for this project. He would like to see maximum usage of grant funding. Mairi agreed on the importance of the berm buffer project, and also discussed the length of time it takes for a prairie to become established and reduce weeds that may be present in the area. With the lake being the current main attraction to Byllesby Park, Commissioner Anderson focused on the importance of the AIS lane and the fish cleaning station. Ken Burns noted that a No Diving sign may be needed on the improved fishing pier, and that a good alternative may be a diving platform out in the water.

Ordinance changes, CUP topics, and trail updates were not discussed.

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The next meeting date is to be determined.

It was moved by Mairi Doerr, seconded by Scott Roepke, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Ziemer  
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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