



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

PARK BOARD AGENDA

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
1:00 P.M.

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

Documents:

[07-08-20 PB DRAFT MINUTES.PDF](#)

3. Cascade Kayak Launch.

Documents:

[CASCADE PARKING LOT OPTIONS.PDF](#)

4. Park Planning Priorities.

Documents:

[PRIORITIZATION OF PARK PROJECTS.PDF](#)

5. Byllesby Park Ordinance Changes.

Documents:

[ORDINANCE 80-1.PDF](#)

6. Byllesby Park GMRPTC Grant Update.
7. Township Conditional Use Permit Topics.
8. SMART Meeting Update.
9. Goodhue Pioneer State Trail Update.
10. Cannon Valley Trail Update.
11. Hastings To Red Wing Trail Update.
12. Mississippi Blufflands State Trail Update.
13. Next Meeting Date.
14. Adjourn.

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

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: July 8, 2020

Meeting Location: Goodhue County Byllesby Park– Cannon Falls, MN

Meeting Time: 1:00 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

Absent: Roxanne Bartsch, Mairi Doerr arriving later for Cascade site visit.

Guests: Ken Burns and David Garner.

Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. It was moved by Commissioner Nesseth, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to approve the April 30, 2019, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to elect Janie Farrar as the new Park Board Chairperson. It was moved by C. Nesseth, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to elect Bernie Overby as the new Park Board Vice-Chairperson.

No SMART or Goodhue Pioneer State Trail updates were given.

Scott Roepke gave an update on the Cannon Valley Trail. With the COVID-19 pandemic, trail use has been very high. The CVT has already had as many visitors as they had during all of 2019. They recently were approved for another bridge replacement grant by the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission (GMRPTC).

There has not been any Goodhue County activity on the Hastings to Red Wing Trail or the Mississippi Blufflands State Trail.

Jennifer Ziemer provided an update on Nielsen Memorial Preserve. Goodhue County is waiting to hear from an archaeologist and a soils professor who are going out to take a look at the mounds in the park. The findings will be incorporated into the park's Master Plan, and HKGi will submit a new application for GMRPTC regional designation. One key point the master plan should address is how the park will create a regional destination while still protecting its high quality of natural resources, given the park's small size.

Greg Isakson and Jennifer Ziemer provided an update on the Byllesby Park GMRPTC grant application, other short-term improvement projects, and possible future acquisition projects. The GMRPTC grant for the pavilion, modern restrooms, electrical updates, and water service has been approved. Contracting with the DNR is underway, with final design expected in 2021 and construction in 2022. The fishing pier has been moved and completely refurbished with new floats, new railings, and new decking. The Park Board was still supportive of a future Boy Scout property acquisition to include the cliffs, where a cliff jumping accident recently occurred. The County's insurance company would possibly be willing to insure this property if water depths were investigated and proper safety precautions were taken.

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Stanton Township has approved a Conditional Use Permit for the pavilion & essential services project, an aquatic invasive species lane for the existing parking lot, and day-use boat slips. Public Works has requested quotes for two different types of docks and two different styles. The Park Board liked the “trident” style of dock, as it would allow for easier docking and access to deeper water. They also liked the idea of a low-maintenance floating dock vs. a roll-in style dock. Barney Nesseth would like to see a quote from a supplier in Goodhue County, and Janie Farrar was able to find a supplier in Red Wing. Public Works staff agreed to request an updated quote from MN Dock & Lift, as well as a new quote from EZ Dock of the Midwest, and present them at the next Park Board meeting. Staff also agreed to check on ADA requirements and the possibility of a larger pipe size for the dock posts.

The Park Board then traveled to the new Cascade property to view the site and meet with local residents. They had quite a few concerns about the project including the following:

- Illegal and/or disorderly activity, trespassing, patrol by Sheriff’s Office
- Who will be responsible for maintenance, mowing, trash cleanup, litter cleanup
- Abuse and/or vandalism of property, and surrounding properties
- Posted rules and hours to prevent late night and camping use
- Fishing. There is a concern that the “territorial” fishermen at the TH 56 bridge will move into this site and prevent enjoyment by others. Some would like to see no fishing, others use the site for fishing now and would not like to lose that ability. The County is unsure if they can regulate fishing or not because this is public water access via public land.
- Some like parking option A and some like parking option B. Option A would be visible to the two northern homes. This could be noisier for those residents, but the visibility may help reduce illegal activity. Option B would be visible to only one house. Additional trees/shrubs could be planted for screening
- Planting a row of trees along the west side of the access road could help keep the public on the public land
- Positive comments were received regarding the two access paths down to the river

The next Park Board meeting will be August 19th at 1:00 PM at Goodhue County Public Works in Red Wing.

The site visit ended at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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OPTION A

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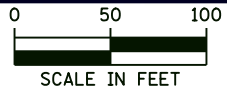
CANNON RIVER

Trail To River
12% Grade

ATV trail 25% grade (existing)

Naturally Existing Low Spot
Elev. = 871.5

Block 24



GOODHUE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

OPTION B

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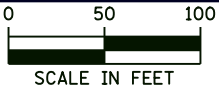
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Prioritization of Park Projects

Current project/grant prioritization:

1. Byllesby Park Pavilion & Essential Services Project – GMRPTC Grant
2. Cascade Kayak Launch Development – must be constructed by 4/2/2022; no grant funding applied for
3. Nielsen Memorial Preserve Access Road & Parking – Potential GMRPTC Grant
Key Considerations:
 - We have not achieved regional designation yet and cannot apply for GMRPTC grant funding
 - There is no other funding source, other than local funds, for this type of project
 - Do we keep waiting for findings on the mounds to incorporate into the Master Plan?
 - Can we adequately address the GMRPTC's question: "How will we control visitors in order to protect the park's natural resources (given its small size) and still create a truly regional draw?"
 - Need for park development in this area of Goodhue County
 - Will require a Phase I archaeological survey
4. Byllesby Park Buffer, Grading, and Savanna Restoration – Potential GMRPTC Grant
Key Considerations:
 - Buffer plantings will take time to grow
 - Will require a Phase I archaeological survey if we do any digging under grant funding
 - Shows environmental responsibility, especially with US Fish & Wildlife considering Monarch habitat
 - GCSWC will work with us on development of this project and/or grant applications
 - May add to long-term maintenance costs

Recent public and Sheriff's Office concerns:

1. Trespassing on private property (not just Boy Scout property) to access the cliffs at Lake Byllesby from the back side (Tony & Judy Nobach)
2. Parking at Byllesby Park (Sheriff's Office)
3. Traffic flow, boating, and pedestrian safety concerns at Byllesby Park (Jean Furchner, Waterfront Restorations)
 - Possible caution or yield signs for trail at boat launch
 - Signing/stripping of preferred pedestrian crossing between parking lots
 - Kayakers without trailers and family vehicles without trailers parking in the boat trailer parking lot
 - Congestion during peak boating hours – both incoming and outgoing boat inspection lanes so other traffic can safely get past
 - Easier to use barricade when parking lots are full
 - LED signs for "lot is full" underneath brown signs on Hwy 19
 - Blue-green algae notices and signage
 - Drinking water and boat hose access

Additional projects that could be prioritized, some could potentially be done without grant funding:

1. Other prairie restoration and oak plantings at Byllesby Park – potential GMRPTC grant or LCCMR grant
GCSWC will work with us on development of this project and/or grant applications
Key Considerations:
 - Small projects are more likely to be funded by GMRPTC
 - GCSWC will work with us on development of this project and/or grant applications
 - Shows environmental responsibility, especially with US Fish & Wildlife considering Monarch habitat
 - May add to long-term maintenance costs
2. Aquatic Invasive Species removal lane – potential grant project through the AIS Committee/State of MN
Key Considerations:
 - Lake Byllesby is the primary draw of the park, so lake health is vital to the park
 - Shows environmental responsibility
 - May add to long-term maintenance costs

- CUP from Stanton Township already obtained
3. Fish Cleaning Building – potential GMRPTC grant or Outdoor Recreation grant
- Key Considerations:
- We want the park to be clean and well maintained
 - May encounter issues with people using new restrooms with running water for cleaning fish
 - Will add to long-term maintenance costs, must be checked/cleaned daily
 - Boating/fishing is a big attraction at the park
 - Will need to obtain a CUP and a zoning certificate from Stanton Township
4. Day Use Boat Slips – potential GMRPTC grant or Outdoor Recreation grant
- Key Considerations:
- Boating is a big attraction at the park
 - Provides greater safety and ability to social distance at the boat launch
 - Water is shallow, so it would only accommodate smaller vessels
 - Should it meet ADA requirements?
 - Will need to revise park ordinance to be able to issue citations for boats left overnight
 - If we received grant funding, would an archaeological survey be required, and would that require a USACE permit?
 - CUP from Stanton Township already obtained
 - Quotes already obtained
5. Cliffs Acquisition & Development – potential GMRPTC grant or _____ grant
- Key Considerations:
- Cliff jumping is a big attraction at the park, which currently means trespassing
 - Need to find water depths and explore insurability
 - Part of the trail is already designed
 - Adds a new park attraction that DCLBRP campers and visitors can enjoy as well
 - Trail goes in front of three homes – will need to work with homeowners
 - Unknown cost to purchase
 - Will require a CUP from Stanton Township
 - Will add to long-term maintenance costs
 - Will create better access to maintain invasive species
6. NMP Trail Development – potential GMRPTC grant or _____ grant
- Key Considerations:
- Goodhue County has purchased a GPS unit and plant colony locating has begun
 - This identification can be used to bring trails close to but not on top of natural resources
 - Natural resources management plan should be prepared before heavy park use begins
 - Starting trails now would allow for immediate use once parking lot and entrance road are built, without trying to keep people from trampling natural resources
 - Would allow for easier park inspections and DNR monitoring of forest conditions
 - Requires monitoring, maintenance, and upkeep
 - Trail development best practices we could follow?
 - Lots of invasive management needs to begin at the property as soon as possible
 - Best route to the river should be explored in late fall, early winter, or early spring – grass is too tall to see anything right now
 - Potential Scout project

Goodhue County Park Rules

ORDINANCE 80-1

As Amended

1. The park closes at 10:30 p.m., no overnight camping allowed.
2. The following activities are prohibited in the park:

- To engage in any brawling or fighting, or to engage in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous or noisy conduct or to engage in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or resentment in others.
- To display or to have in one's possession glass bottle containers.
- To use or have in one's possession alcoholic beverages in containers larger than two liters.

To be in possession of or under the influence of any drug which is in violation of federal or state law.

- To burn or otherwise dispose of garbage, refuse, or trash of any kind except to dispose of the same in receptacles provided for that purpose. Only garbage, refuse or trash generated at the park is allowed to be disposed of in the receptacles provided.
- To dispose of cut grass, tree trimmings or personal property on the park grounds.
- To operate or park any motor vehicle within the boundaries of the park except upon designated roads or parking areas.
- To operate any vehicle in a reckless manner or at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit. (15 mph)
- To cut, damage, or remove trees, shrubs, plants, and other vegetation.
- To hunt or disturb wildlife
- To deface, damage or remove any park property
- To clean fish or wash dishes in park buildings.

- To discharge wastewater or sewage onto park property
 - To use, point, discharge or display uncased firearms or other dangerous weapons including explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows and arrows.
 - To place picnic tables in the lake
2. Pets are permitted in county parks. No person shall allow any dog, cat, or other pet animal to enter buildings or designated swimming areas, or permit dog, cat, or other pet animal to be out of control. Such animal shall be attended and effectively controlled, and shall not run at large. All droppings must be picked up and disposed of. Pets shall not deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of the park by others.
 3. Horses are restricted to the roadways and designated parking areas. All droppings must be picked up and removed.
 4. Fires are allowed in grills only. Open campfires are prohibited.
 5. Any person who violates the above rules will be asked to conform to those rules or immediately leave the park, said person may be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by the law.
 6. Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to immediate removal from such park.

The park belongs to you. Please treat it with respect and help us to protect it by following the rules.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 80-1 REVISED

The County Board of Goodhue County, Minnesota Ordains: County Parks: Hours and conduct.

Subd. 1. Goodhue County Parks will be open each day of the year from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., except as otherwise posted, and during emergencies. The public may be on the premises of County Parks during such open hours.

Subd. 2. No person shall, while in a County Park, use a public address system, amplifier or power equipment, or otherwise make noise of a volume tending to alarm, anger or create resentment to others.

Subd. 3. No motor vehicles will be parked overnight in any County Park.

Subd. 4. No person shall operate or have a motor vehicle within the park boundaries other than on established park roads or in established parking areas.

a. Motor vehicle. Motor vehicle means every vehicle which is self propelled, including but not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and snowmobiles. Motor vehicle does not include a vehicle moved solely by human power.

Subd. 5. Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to immediate removal from such park.