

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: July 22, 2021

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

Meeting Time: 10:00 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: Janie Farrar and Roxanne Bartsh.

Virtual: Barbara Pratt and Scott Roepke.

Bernie Overby called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mairi Doerr, and carried to approve the June 30, 2021, Park Board Minutes.

It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to approve the agenda.

The Park Board reviewed the draft Cascade Canoe & Kayak Launch Rules Ordinance. The Park Board approved the following changes to the ordinance:

- Correct spelling error in 2. f. from “personnel” to “personal”
- Add “(fireworks)” to 2. n. following the word “explosives”
- Add “, including fishing,” after the words “other purposes” in #3
- Add “The intent of this facility is to provide canoe and kayak access to the Cannon River” to the beginning of #3 and move it up to the #1 position
- #1 will become #2
- #4 will become #3
- #5 will become #4
- Move #2 down to become #5

It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Mairi Doerr, and carried to approve the draft ordinance with the changes listed above, and request approval and enactment by the County Board. Staff agreed to revise the ordinance document and send it out to the Park Board for their final review before enactment. The Park Board would like to see the rules posted in the same languages that Dakota County uses to post safety notices at Byllesby Dam.

It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mairi Doerr and Scott Roepke, and carried to name the new pavilion in honor of Richard Samuelson, and to use donations that were made in his memory to purchase a plaque that honors Richard’s commitment to parks and trails. Commissioner Anderson, Scott Roepke, and Greg Isakson all noted how different facilities, properties, and amenities would not exist today if it was not for Richard’s advocacy.

Mission Statement

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The Park Board discussed keeping a portable toilet at Byllesby Park year-round. It was moved by Commissioner Greseth, seconded by Mike Melstad, and carried to keep two portable toilets at Byllesby Park throughout the fall until temperatures drop, then reduce it to one portable over the colder winter months. Staff agreed to check with Rent 'N' Save regarding use during fall months to see if one portable would be sufficient in fall of 2022, or if two is most suitable. Mairi Doerr commented that she liked the idea of mirroring the services provided at Dakota County Lake Byllesby Regional Park to help create the image of one large regional park, and the rest of the Park Board supported that as well.

The Park Board discussed different options for playground replacement in 2027. They recommended considering moving the playground, and adding \$20,000 per year to the budget in 2022-2027 for replacement costs. Possible grants and/or private funding will be researched before 2027.

Byllesby Park, Nielsen Memorial Preserve, and Cannon Valley Trail updates were provided as part of the agenda.

The next meeting date is to be determined.

It was moved by Mike Melstad, seconded by Bernie Overby, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ziemer
Goodhue County Administrative Assistant

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