

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

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

A meeting of the Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 1:35 by Chairperson Bonnie Dicke on January 8, 2009, at the Goodhue County Public Works Department.

Members Present

Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Heather Marx	Member, 1 st District
Harris Haugen	Member, 3 rd District
Bonnie Dicke	Chair, 4 th District
Roxanne Bartsh	Member, Recreational Organization Rep (GPTA)
Scott Roepke	Member, Recreational Organization Rep (CVT)
Greg Isakson	Public Works Director
Willie Root	Public Works Staff
Julie Huneke	Public Works Staff

Members Absent

Paul Schluter	Vice-Chair, 2 nd District
Sean Dowse	Member, 5 th District
Carol Lee	Ex-Officio Member, Assistant County Attorney

Agenda

See attached document.

Nominations: for the 2009 Chairperson and Vice-chair take place at the first meeting of the year. Paul Schluter was nominated for Chairperson by Scott Roepke with a second by Harris Haugen. Hearing no other nominations for Chairperson a vote was taken and Paul Schluter was elected by unanimous vote. Scott Roepke was nominated for Vice-Chair by Harris Haugen with a second by Richard Samuelson. Hearing no other nominations for Vice-Chair a vote was taken and Scott Roepke was elected by unanimous vote.

Former Chairperson Dicke continued to preside over the meeting (with Scott's blessings) in Paul's absence.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented, (with one change to correct the spelling of Roxanne Bartsh's last name) by Harris Haugen with a second by Roxanne Bartsh. Motion approved.

Members of the board did self introductions. New members to this board are Roxanne Bartsh and Heather Marx, representing a Recreational Trail Organization and the 1st District respectively. Scott Roepke accepted to begin his second term as a Recreational Trail Organization Rep. Greg Isakson informed the members that Ted Seifert has been assigned to this board as of the 06 Jan 09 county board meeting. Terry Fiero is the new SMART committee representative. Terry sent an email accepting his appointment to the SMART committee.

By-Laws: The County Board approved the By-laws as presented on 16 Dec 08 with one caveat. They request "that all capitol purchases be brought forward through the regular budgeting process". A motion by Roxanne Bartsh was seconded by Scott Roepke to recommend the following language be added to the By-laws:

Article VIII: **County Park/Improvement Monies**
Major projects funded with County Park/Improvement monies shall be authorized by the County Board.

Motion approved. Revised By-law Articles VIII and IX attached. NOTE: This issue will be brought back to the next Park Board to achieve consistency with the County Board's revision.

Mill Towns Trail and Bridge Update: Ric Ahern continues to work with the Goudy's to acquire easements or fee title for a trail along the river between Byllesby Park and State property to the east. The new appraisal is complete. Ric will continue talks with Goudy's. Parks and Trails Council could potentially purchase the land, and then sell it to the DNR.

Parking on CSAH 21 for bike trail: K.C. Flueger approached Gary Fridell while he was a member of this board to see if we would be interested in establishing a parking area for people that use the CSAH 21 bike trail. Staff is working with him to determine the best way to establish a parking area and checking into legalities.

Handicap Accessible Picnic Tables for Byllesby Park: Willie Root has been researching handicap accessible picnic tables. We are looking at anchoring one handicap accessible picnic table in each of the covered picnic shelters. Heather Marx would be willing to look at a table similar to one we would like to purchase, if there is one in the area. She stated that even if an item is identified as being ADA approved it does not always meet the needs of the intended users. Willie Root will get a list of locations where the table is in use to Heather to check out. The preferred table height is 32" to the top of the table. At this time we would be looking to purchase 3 table frames and finish the construction with our forces.

Covered Benches: Staff will continue investigating benches with canopies for the playground area. Roxanne Bartsh mentioned that STS crews have built 3-sided shelters at various recreational areas. It was suggested that staff talk w/STS about this project.

Soccer Kickboard: Willie Root reported that a 2 sided kickboard would cost approx. \$2,000; a 1 sided kickboard would cost approx. \$1,200; and he was requested to update costs and bring this issue back to the next meeting.

2009 Construction Funds: Willie Root lead a discussion on Grants that we could potentially apply for, if that would be the recommendation of the group. Potential projects for grant monies, economic stimulus monies, improvement fund etc. could include (not listed in priority order) - (1) Trail to the top of the 7.5 Acre Wooded Area (2) Master Plan build out (3) Mill Towns Trail Project (4) Bridge Over Project. Greg Isakson and staff met with Larry Wacker to discuss the possibility of designing the trail to the top of the 7.5 acre area and to complete the Master Plan build out. Mr. Wacker intends to have a ball park figure for design process to Greg by the end of the month. We need to find out the DNR's provision on trail connection between Cannon Falls and Lake Byllesby. Roxanne suggested inviting Joel Wagar/DNR staff to attend the next Park Board meeting.

The Park Board will finalize a recommendation on how to use the 2009 Construction funds at the next meeting.

Committee of the Whole Presentation: Greg Isakson will check with Administration to schedule a date for a Committee of the Whole (COW) presentation/joint meeting with this Park Board, potentially the first or third Tuesday of March.

Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting date was set for Friday, February 6, 2009 at 1:30.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm with a motion from Harris Haugen, seconded by Richard Samuelson. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Huneke

Julie Huneke
Recording Secretary
Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Agenda - Park Board Jan. 8, 2009

I. Call meeting to order

II. Elect new Chair and Vice-Chair

III. Approve minutes from December 4, 2008 meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. Membership Approved by Co Board 16 Dec 08:

➤ Welcome 2 new members

1. Heather Marx - District 1

2. Roxanne Bartsh - Trail Rep.

➤ Re-appointment - Scott Roepke - Trail Rep

➤ SMART Committee Appointee - Terry Fiero - Trail Rep

b. By-laws: Discuss recommendation of County Board

c. Update on the Mill Towns Trail and Bridge Project.

d. CSAH 21 Bike Trail - parking

e. Other

V. New Business

a. Use of 2009 Construction Funds

i. Match State or Federal Grants

ii. Design the Trail to the top of the Western Woods Hill - Potential Economic Stimulus project

iii. Augment Mills Town Trail Project

iv. Other Master Plan Components

b. Schedule COW - Update Commissioners

VI. Next Meeting Date

VII. Adjourn