

*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 held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at the Goodhue County Public Works building.

### **Members Present**

Ted Seifert	County Commissioner
Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Sean Dowse	Member, 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Heather Marx	Member, 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Paul Schluter	Chair, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Harris Haugen	Member, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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**

Bonnie Dicke Member, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Guest: Larry Wacker, SWB, Inc – Design trail to top of 7.5 acre wooded site in Park

Chairman Schluter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Schluter asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

None presented. Motion to approve agenda as presented made by R. Samuelson with a second by H. Haugen. Motion approved.

### **New Business**

Election of officers.

Chairperson

Harris Haugen nominated Scott Roepke for Chairperson. Scott was Vice-chair during 2009. Ted Seifert cast a unanimous ballot for approving Scott Roepke for Chairperson. Approved.

### **Election of Officers**

Vice-chair

Harris Haugen cast a unanimous ballot for approving Sean Dowse for Vice-chair. Approved.

Chairman Roepke asked Paul Schluter to preside over this meeting. Schluter agreed.

### **Minutes**

Sean Dowse presented a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Richard second, motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Larry Wacker of SWB, Inc presented four trail routes to the top of the 7.5 acre wooded site. Two routes on the westerly face and two routes on the easterly face. Mr. Sanders presented pro's and con's of each route. The group discussed the type of materials that could be used to construct the trail, the environmental impact on the landscape; the benefits the trail would offer users of the park, maintenance and upkeep of the trail, as well as were it should be built.

Mr. Wacker was asked to submit cost estimates for the four trail route options being constructed out of various materials. No further action was taken at this time.

Willie Root reported that our application for a DNR Legacy grant was rejected. The application was for funds to construct the trail to the top of the 7.5 acre site.

Greg Isakson gave an update on the proposed trail project to connect our Lake Byllesby Park to a segment of the future trail between Mill Towns Trail and Cannon Falls. The DNR is continuing negotiations with the landowners.

The topic of camping at Byllesby Park came up again. Staff was directed to contact Dakota County Parks to gather information on their camping operations. There was discussion as to the value of the 110 acre to the county. That property is lake front but it is not feasible for establishing a campground.

#### ***Goodhue Pioneer Trail Update***

Roxanne Bartsh stated that they are still waiting for a response on the \$1.3M bonding request they submitted for funding the paving of another segment of their Trail.

#### ***Cannon Valley Trail***

Scott Roepke reported that two of the grant requests have been approved for improvements to their bike trail.

#### **New Business**

2010 Legacy Grant – Greg Isakson and Willie Root informed the group of a DNR Parks and Trails Legacy grant that we could apply for to help augment the funding of construction a trail to connect to our Lake Byllesby Park to the Mill Towns Trail. The deadline for the grant is March 31, 2010. A Motion of Support from the County Board is required as part of the application.

A motion was made by Richard Samuelson, with a second by Roxanne Bartsh to make a recommendation to the County Board to approve submittal of a grant application to the DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Grant program for the construction of a trail to connect our Lake Byllesby Park to the Mill Towns Trail. Motion approved.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Park Board meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 in the Goodhue County Public Works building.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Schluter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Harris, second by Scott. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm with a unanimous vote of the group.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Huneke*

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

Attachments: Copy of Report to Co Brd for Trail Grant