

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

Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board
(a.k.a. Park Board)

April 2, 2010 – 2140 Pioneer Road

Members:

Richard Samuelson	Commissioner
Ted Seifert	Commissioner
Sean Dowse	1 st District Rep
Paul Schluter	2 nd District Rep
Harris Haugen	3 rd District Rep
Vacant – (Bonnie Dicke)	4 th District Rep
Heather Marx	5 th District Rep
Scott Roepke	Cannon Valley Trail Rep
Roxanne Bartsh	Goodhue Pioneer Trail Rep
Greg Isakson	Staff: Director of Public Works
Willie Root	Staff: Environmental Tech-PW
Julie Huneke	Staff: Admin Assist- PW

All members present for meeting with the exception of Heather Marx, Harris Haugen and Bonnie Dicke (replacement being sought by C. Bryant).

Chairperson Scott Roepke called the GC Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order @ 1:35 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010.

A motion was made by Ted Seifert, seconded by Paul Schluter to accept the minutes of the January 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ted, seconded by Richard Samuelson to appoint Roxanne Bartsh as a voting member of the SMART Committee for the remainder of Terry Fiero's term. Terry Fiero regretfully submitted his resignation to his appointment on the SMART committee due to conflict with his job. Terry was appointed in Dec 2009 to a three year term. Roxanne is willing to complete the term. Motion carried.

Willie Root reported on the status of the negotiations between the DNR and Mr. Goudy. They are acquiring a second appraisal. When the appraisals are complete the information will be considered private. If all goes well the design for the connecting trail could begin during the winter of 2010 – 2011, with construction in 2011. Willie is to follow up on the status of the properties owned by Duffing, Sandstrom and the Cannon Falls Golf Course.

Roxanne informed the group that the Goodhue Pioneer Trail did not receive bonding money this year but they will submit the project again next year. They have plans ready to grade 4.5 miles of new trail from Zumbrota towards the city of Goodhue.

Scott reported that use of the Cannon Valley Trail increased by 5% in 2009 over past years. They recorded 95,000 users. Wheel passes rose from 105,000 to 109,000 in 2009. Seventy percent of weekend users are from the Metro area. There was an increase in daily passes with a decrease in seasonal passes.

Greg Isakson and Willie reported that six new picnic tables had been constructed over the winter by the GCPW forces and have been installed at the park. One table has been secured in each of the three shelters with three remaining as portable tables.

Willie has been in contact with the Cannon Falls High School art department to paint a mural on the soccer kick board at the park. If he does not hear back from them soon he was directed to move forward and pursue another option.

Willie has also contacted the Boy Scout troop in Cannon Falls to work on a prairie restoration project in the park. If he does not hear back from them soon he was directed to move forward and pursue another option.

Greg informed the group that GCPW forces removed several loads of logs and debris from the lakeshore and park this spring as a result of the high water.

Greg reported that the parking lots will be seal coated this summer. The park will need to be closed for a few days while the contractor performs this work. Also, the trails in the park will be fog sealed, a maintenance procedure similar to seal coating minus the rocks.

Willie reported that he is looking into purchasing additional engineered wood chips for under the playground equipment at the park to replenish this cushioning material back to a standard depth.

Willie, with the support of this Park board and the County board, has submitted a grant application to acquire funds to construct a trail from our park to where the proposed Mill Towns Trail bridge will drop into Goodhue County. The trail would be approximately 850 feet in length.

A motion by Sean Dowse, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh to have Larry Wacker of Sanders, Wacker and Bergly, Inc. proceed with designing the westerly trail to the top of the 7.5 acre wooded site (the Purple/Green trail route on the diagram presented at the January 2010 meeting).

Willie gave a background of past discussions the Park board has had regarding camping at Byllesby Park. He also talked with Dakota County Parks staff who indicated they had profits of about \$17,000 last year. As discussed back in 2005, the County would need to invest in a shower and bathroom building, revise the layout of the park, install camp sites, etc. in order to allow camping in the Byllesby Park. The cost of this investment would be substantial compared the revenues that would be generated by the few sites that could fit in the park. Establishing camping in at the 110 acre site would require a larger investment than at the current Lake Byllesby park since this site is larger, it would require upgrading the current

gravel roads to reach this camp area and would require a road through Mr. Ravoula's property. In conclusion the Park Board did feel that pursuing a camping facility was feasible at this time.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the Construction and Improvement Budget. With the uncertainty of the 2010 and beyond budget it is difficult to plan any projects for the future. Staff will keep this board informed of budget decisions that affect the funds designated to Parks and Trails.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 13th at 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works building.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Huneke

Recording Secretary for the Goodhue County

Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board

Mission Statement

The mission of the Goodhue County Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board is to provide a quality park, trail and recreation system which strive to preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance the County's park land, trails, and recreational activities, on behalf of all current and future citizens of the County of Goodhue