

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)
August 10, 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 Scott Roepke.

Vice-Chairperson Sean Dowse called the GC Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order @ 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. The meeting was held at the Park.

A motion was made by Richard Samuelson, seconded by Roxanne Bartsh to accept the minutes of the April 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

7.5 Acre Site Trail – Larry Wacker

Mr. Larry Wacker of Sanders, Wacker, and Bergly presented a revised cost estimate for the trail to the 7.5 acre site. The revised estimate came in lower than the original estimate. Different design criteria eliminated the need for an elevated path. Roxanne presented a motion to complete the Red Trail design including a cost comparison for using all recycled plastic vs. wood and recycled plastic with a second by Paul. Discussion followed restating that the objective remains the same, to design and have ready a plan in the event funding becomes available, either locally or by grant money. Motion carried.

Cannon Valley Trail- Scott Roepke

In Scott's absence, Greg reported that bids will be opened on August 30th for the Asphalt Restoration project on the Cannon Valley Trail.

Goodhue Pioneer Trail-Roxanne Bartsh

Fitzgerald Excavating has the contract to construct a segment of the GPT. Project begins at the Covered Bridge Park and continues north for 4.5 miles. It will be a multi-purpose trail and will be a paved surface.

Byllesby Park Update – Greg/Willie

- The parking lot was seal coated. Traffic markings have been repainted.
- Walking trails were fogged.
- New (manufactured) wood chips have been placed in the playground equipment area.
- New sand has been hauled onto the swimming beach.
- STS crew sprayed for sand burrs.
- The portable toilets are being ‘serviced’ twice a week until after Labor Day.

Hastings to Red Wing Trail – Greg

- The Master Plan has now been adopted by all partners (including the caveat of a large swath area for the trail location vs. a single line indicating the trail location).
- There is a landowner that may be interested in selling some of his property for this trail but at this time it would appear premature to purchase any land when a route has not been determined.
- Need grass root support before anything else can happen.

Mill Towns Trail – Greg

Landowners do not want to sell at today’s land prices. Joel Wagar, DNR is working on a plan to purchase enough land to have a touch point for the ‘bridge over’ the Cannon River so those bridge funds are not lost. One option would be to purchase enough property at this time to connect the bridge to our park. The DNR is still working with the landowners.

New Business:

Mississippi River Trail Bicycle Route

A meeting will be held on August 17th in Winona from 2-4 p.m. Roxanne volunteered to attend if Scott Roepke was not planning to attend.

DNR Strategic Plan

The DNR is looking for input and direction concerning their new organization structure. They have combined a couple of their divisions to reduce redundancy. Willie will do some research; no specific timeline.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will potentially be in October held at the Covered Bridge Park in Zumbrota to include a ‘tour’ of the newly constructed segment of the Goodhue Pioneer Trail.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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