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## **Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

A meeting of the Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held on January 26, 2007, at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

### **Attendees**

Harris Haugen	Chair
Henry Sorenson	Past Member/Vice-Chair
Paul Kalass	Member
Bonnie Dicke	Member
Gary Fridell	Member
Paul Schluter	Member
Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Greg Isakson	Public Works
Jim Klevan	Public Works
William Root	Public Works
Carol Lee	County Attorney
Scott Arneson	County Administrator

### **Absent**

Ron Allen	County Commissioner
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### **Agenda**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Introduction - New Park Board members
- Review and discuss minutes from October meeting
- Approve minutes from October meeting
- Review selection process for new members
- Selection of Chair & Vice-Chair
- Recognize Past member
- Sheriff's Report – Activity and Enforcement for Park
- Update on meeting with Curt Ravoula
- Update on 3 landowners to east of Park; Goudy, Doffing and Sandstrom
- Discuss 2007 Construction Season
- New Business
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

### **Minutes**

Chair Haugen called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Minutes from the October 13, 2006, Park Board Meeting were discussed and approved with a change to the reference of discussion of the funding request from the NRCS to read as the funding request to the RC&D.

Greg Isakson introduced the new County Administrator, Scott Arneson. Mr. Arneson recently joined Goodhue County after serving as Aitkin County's Administrator for many years. Mr. Arneson is familiar with Park and Recreation Administration, as Aitkin County had an extensive Park and Rec Department that was charged with administering many programs and trails.

Mr. Isakson also mentioned the new member to the Park Board, Sean Dowse, who was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Selection process for new members**

Mr. Isakson reviewed the process for selecting new members for the Park Board.

### **Selection of Chair**

Mr. Isakson stated the position of Chair of the Park Board rotates every year. The Vice-Chair of the previous year replaces the Chair and a new Vice-Chair is elected. Due to term limits the current Vice-Chair will not be returning. Gary Fridell was selected as the new Chair. Bonnie Dicke was selected as the new Vice-Chair.

### **Recognition of Past Member**

Henry Sorenson was recognized for his 12 years of commitment and contributions to the Goodhue County Park Board. Mr. Sorenson implored the Park Board to keep the long-term goals in mind when making decisions and let Mr. Isakson focus on the short-term. Mr. Sorenson further stated he would like to see the bridge connecting the two Parks in place within the next five years.

### **Sheriff's Report – Activity and Enforcement for Byllesby Park**

Jim Klevan reviewed the handouts regarding the Sheriff's enforcement report for 2005 and 2006.

### **Update on meeting with Curt Ravoula**

Mr. Isakson stated that he, Mr. Klevan and Commissioner Samuelson met with Curt and Arnie Ravoula on January 6, 2007. Mr. Ravoula said that he might sell the south 40 acres of their land west of the County's 110 acres to an investor from New York. Mr. Ravoula would be willing to give the County access to the 110 Acre site for free if he was able to change the zoning designation on another piece of property he owned. Mr. Ravoula further stated he would consider selling the northern 40 acres of his property adjacent to the 110 acre site if the sale of the southern forty took place. Commissioner Samuelson said he would like to discuss the possibility of a zoning change with Lisa Hanni and Mike Wozniak of Goodhue County's Land Use Management Department to determine if it is feasible.

### **Update on Contact with 3 landowners to the East of the Park**

Mr. Klevan stated that all three landowners; Goudy, Doffing and Sandstrom, have signed the DNR's Land Owner Bill of Rights. However, the DNR indicated the form the landowners signed is outdated and the DNR will be contacting the landowners to have them sign a new form. The DNR will contact the landowners about a possible easement or land purchase for the trail extension.

### **Discussion on 2007 Construction Season**

Mr. Klevan indicated there might be enough money in the budget, including matching funds, for one set of playground equipment to be purchased and installed this year. Commissioner Samuelson indicated he would be willing to contact the Cannon Falls Lions Club again to discuss possible contributions from them for playground equipment. Harris Haugen stated he would be willing to discuss the situation with the Cannon Falls Masonic Lodge in hopes of acquiring

further funds for playground equipment at the Park. Mr. Klevan is to invite a representative from a playground equipment manufacturer to attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Samuelson stated the RC&D funding is still on the table for discussion.

**New Business**

Goodhue County Public Works forces and Sentence to Service crews have been removing buckthorn from the Park. The removal of buckthorn will be an ongoing project over the next several years.

**Next meeting date**

Next scheduled meeting for this board is on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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