

This is a COPY of minutes from the October 13, 2006 meeting. They will be presented for approval by the Park Board at the next Park Board meeting on January 18, 2007.

Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board

A meeting of the Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held on October 13, 2006, at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

Attendees

Harris Haugen	Chair
Henry Sorensen	Vice-Chair
Scott Roepke	Member
Paul Schluter	Member
Bonnie Dicke	Member
Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Greg Isakson	Public Works
Jim Klevan	Public Works
Willie Root	Public Works

Absent

Ron Allen	County Commissioner
Gary Fridell	Member
Paul Kalass	Member
Carol Lee	County Attorney

Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- Review and Discuss Minutes from August meeting
- Approve minutes from August meeting
- Update on construction of new trail to base of 7.5 acre woods
- Update on Contact with 3 Landowners to east of Park; Goudy, Sandstrom and Doffing.
- Update on the Cannon Falls Lions Club donation for playground equipment
- Update on funding request to the NRCS
- Park Board Membership Rotation
- New Business
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Minutes

Chair Haugen called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
Minutes from the August 23, 2006, Park Board meeting were discussed and approved.

Update on construction of new trail to base of 7.5 acre woods

Commissioner Samuelson stated he has been to the Park after the completion of the trail and was impressed with the trail construction. Greg Isakson distributed pictures taken of the trail construction and lead the discussion on the new trail. Mr. Isakson said that most of the trail is at least 50 feet from the waters edge and also noted that the neighbors to the west of the Park have been very cooperative. There was some concern about damaging some of the older, big oaks with the construction of the trail. Henry Sorenson stated that it may take five years before we know if they are adversely impacted by the new trail. Many of the Park Board members expressed interest in placing "Sensitive Area" signs along the trail in the hopes of discouraging people from leaving the trail and damaging the ecosystem around the trail. Public Works will put up a 'Please Stay on the Trail' sign where the new trail leaves the main park and will move a sign to the end of the new trail asking users not to trespass on the cliffs.

Update on Contact with Three Landowners to east of Park

Jim Klevan discussed the progress of the discussions with the three landowners to the east of Byllesby Park regarding the trail extension from the Park to the Cannon Valley Trail in Cannon Falls. Mr. Klevan said that Mr. Doffing signed the agreement and Patricia Doffing is considering signing the agreement.

Mr. Sorenson would like the Park Board to consider discussing with the County Board the possibility of purchasing more land to the east of the Park, in partnership with the City of Cannon Falls. Mr. Klevan responded that some of the land is owned by a Church for a future building site.

Update on the Cannon Falls Lions Club donation for playground equipment

Mr. Sorenson was impressed by the willingness of the Lions Club to get involved with this project. Mr. Haugen stated the Cannon Falls Masonic Lodge would be interested in contributing some funds for purchasing playground equipment. Commissioner Samuelson inquired if money starts to come from the service groups, is the County prepared to purchase the materials, and further, the Park Board should draft a plan, set a goal of the dollar amount needed and continue with this project. Mr. Klevan had prepared materials and quotes regarding playground equipment for both 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old age groups. Prices on the equipment range from \$7,500 to \$30,000, so involving other groups with the project is important in order to complete this phase of the Park's master plan development.

Update on funding request to the NRCS

Commissioner Samuelson met with the NRCS and requested Federal Grant dollars for the construction of the trail up the hill on the 7.5 acre site.

Park Board Membership Rotation

The Board discussed replacing Henry Sorenson, whose third term expires in December, 2006. Mr. Isakson will contact Commissioner Seifert regarding a replacement for Mr. Sorenson. Gary Fridell asked about a Park Board replacement for Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Samuelson stated that new committee assignments will be made in January.

New Business

Commissioner Samuelson stated the County should contact Mr. Ravoula regarding access to the 110 acre site and discuss access alternatives without selling him the 14 acres as requested.

Commissioner Samuelson gave a big THANK YOU to the Goodhue County Public Works Department for the construction of the trail.

Next meeting date

January 18, 2007; 1:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Root
Goodhue County Public Works