

Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board

A meeting of the Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held on October 6, 2005, at the Goodhue County Lake Byllesby Park.

Attendees

Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Paul Kalass	Chair
Harris Haugen	Vice-Chair
Marne Kenitz	Member
Gary Fridell	Member
Henry Sorensen	Member
Joyce Moorhouse	Member
Greg Isakson	Public Works
Jim Klevan	Public Works
William Root	Public Works

Guest

Mike McCarthy	Boy Scouts of America
Don Benson	Boy Scouts of America

Absent

Ron Allen	County Commissioner
Carol Lee	Asst County Attorney

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order
Approve minutes from September meetings
View 7.5 wooded acres and cliff area on Boy Scout property. Discussion with Boy Scout representatives on abutting properties and concerns in this area.
View 110 acre parcel of County land at upper Lake Byllesby and discussion about future access to this land.
New Business
Adjourn

Minutes

Paul Kalass called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Minutes from the September 16, 2005, Park Board meeting were approved.

View 7.5 wooded acres and cliff area on Boy Scout property. Discussion with Boy Scout representatives on abutting properties and concerns in this area.

The Park Board met with Mike McCarthy and Don Benson of the Boy Scouts of America and walked around the wooded 7.5 Acre site, observed the cliffs on the Boy Scouts property and discussed issues regarding any future collaboration between the County and the Boy Scouts. Mr. McCarthy asked the Park Board where the situation stands now. Greg Isakson stated that most of the public

comments received at a public meeting regarding future development at the Park were focused on people jumping off of the cliffs and access to the cliffs. Mr. Isakson thought it would be in the County's interest to begin a dialog with the Boy Scouts regarding any plans to develop Park property at the 7.5 Acre site. Mr. McCarthy was concerned about any trail leading from the Park to the 7.5 Acre site (the Site) coming close to the existing trail that leads to the cliffs as it might encourage people to explore the area by the cliffs more. Henry Sorensen said that one way to discourage people from leaving the trail would be to create a natural barrier by dragging trees and planting saplings along the boundaries between the Park property and the Boy Scouts' property. Mr. McCarthy agreed and stated the need to look at mutually agreeable plans for the existing boundaries.

View 110 acre parcel of County land at upper Lake Byllesby and discussion about future access to this land

The Park Board viewed the 110 Acre Site and discussed possible future plans. Access to the site was the main topic of discussion leading to reinstalling a culvert across Spring Creek to gain access to the site from the north. Mr. Isakson suggested the Park Board consider a Request For Proposals for an entity to operate a campground at the 110 Acre site. Jim Klevan stated there is a possibility of leasing land from Mr. Ravoula in order to allow access from the west. Mr. Klevan indicated he would look into preliminary information on running a campground.

New Business

Mr. Klevan stated the concrete had been poured for the new picnic shelters and the landscaping around the concrete would be finished this fall. Mr. Isakson stated the work on handicap accessibility to the picnic shelters would take place next year.

Next meeting date

Next scheduled meeting for this board is on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Kalass

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Park Board Chairperson