

Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board

A meeting of the Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held on May 18, 2006, at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

Attendees

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| Harris Haugen | Chair |
| Henry Sorensen | Vice-Chair |
| Paul Schluter | Member |
| Bonnie Dicke | Member |
| Scott Roepke | Member |
| Richard Samuelson | County Commissioner |
| Greg Isakson | Public Works |
| Jim Klevan | Public Works |
| Willie Root | Public Works |
| Paul Kalass | Member |
| Gary Fridell | Member |
| Rosie Schluter | Attendee |
| Ken Burns | Attendee |
| Crystal Burns | Attendee |

Absent

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| Ron Allen | County Commissioner |
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Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- Review and Discuss Minutes from March meeting
- Approve minutes from March 28, 2006, meeting
- Discussion with new Adjacent Landowner
- Update of 2006 Construction Program
- Possible Meeting with Cannon Falls Service Organization Update from Commissioner Samuelson
- New Business
- Adjourn

Minutes

Chairman Haugen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
Minutes from the March 28, 2006 Park Board meeting were discussed and approved.

Discussion with new Adjacent Landowner

The Park Board was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Burns who have purchased and moved into the Roberts house (one of the three between the main area and the western wooded area of the park) Greg Isakson began the discussion by having everyone introduce themselves to Ken and Crystal Burns. Chairman Haugen turned the discussion over to the Burns'. Mr. Burns described the many discussions with his wife, and their decision to buy the house adjacent to Lake Byllesby Park. The Burns' are requesting the Park Board delay construction of the lakefront trail until there is enough money in the budget to construct the trail from the Park to the top of the bluff thus allowing them a few years of privacy. Scott Roepke explained the logic of constructing a portion the trail along the shore to demonstrate the County's intention to continue the trail to the top of the bluff in order to apply for grant money from the DNR. Mr. Fridell explained there is a public benefit of building this first phase of the trail without building the whole trail at once. Mr. Isakson concurred, further explained that construction of the park is progressing in phases because there is not enough money to do it all at once and stressed the importance of considering the value of the final project over the lesser temporary value

of a partial phase of the project. Mr. Isakson also informed the Burns that this Park Board recommended that construction of the lakefront trail commence this summer at their February meeting and this decision was prompted by a request from one of three adjacent landowners. Commissioner Samuelson emphasized the fact that the docks and leased land are considered private property.

Update of 2006 Construction Program

Mr. Isakson stated the bid to pave the trail system on the east side of the park including access to the picnic shelters came in at \$41,000. This was higher than an earlier estimate of \$28,000. It was noted that the cost of bituminous work throughout the region has increased substantially this year. The Park Board has two options: A.) accept the bid and pave the trails as planned; B.) reduce the scope of the paving project. Henry Sorenson inquired how much of the project would need to be reduced. Mr. Isakson stated approximately 40% of the planned paving of the trail would not be included in this years project. Bonnie Dicke said the paving of the trails should be completed as planned because the cost to pave the trails will not go down. Henry Sorenson made a motion to pave the trails as planned, second by Paul Kalass, motion carried.

Mr. Isakson stated the Public Works Department will send letters to the adjacent landowners informing them of the construction of the lakefront trail.

Mr. Sorenson suggested establishing locations for new playground equipment during the Park Board meeting in August, at Byllesby Park.

Possible Meeting with Cannon Falls Service Organization Update from Commissioner Samuelson

Commissioner Samuelson stated that he and Scott Roepke will be attending the Cannon Falls Lions Club meeting on June 13, 2006, at the Edgewood Restaurant.

New Business

Commissioner Samuelson requested that more garbage cans be placed in the Park, also, there is a dead oak tree adjacent to the walking trails that needs to be removed. Commissioner Samuelson also requested that the phone number for the Goodhue County Water Patrol posted in Byllesby Park.

Jim Klevan stated the handicapped parking signs are up and the Public Works Maintenance Crews will be painting handicapped parking signs on the parking lot by the boat launch.

Mr. Isakson stated there will be a meeting with Goodhue County and Dakota County Lake Byllesby committee on June 27, 2006 at 2:00 pm. at the Randolph Fire Hall.

Next meeting date

Next scheduled meeting for this board is on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Root
Goodhue County Public Works