

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

A meeting of the Goodhue County Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held on August 2, 2005, at the Goodhue County Public Works Building.

### **Attendees**

Richard Samuelson	County Commissioner
Greg Isakson	Public Works
Jim Klevan	Public Works
Marne Kenitz	Member
Henry Sorensen	Member
Joyce Moorhouse	Member
Carol Lee	Asst County Attorney
William Root	Public Works

### **Absent**

Ron Allen	County Commissioner
Paul Kalass	Chair
Harris Haugen	Vice-Chair
Gary Fridell	Member

### **Agenda**

Call Meeting to Order  
Approve minutes from June meeting  
Review comments and notes from Public Info Meeting held on June 28, 2005, at the Cannon Falls Library.  
Commissioner Allen: Discussion on camping at Lake Byllesby Park  
Playground equipment update:  
EF Anderson, Plans and estimates: Todd Anondson Sales person.  
St. Croix Valley Recreation, Plans and estimates: Matt Finegan Sales person.  
Review current status of work in the Park: picnic shelters, placement and construction, trails, filling of pond, etc.  
Access to the 110 Acre land parcel further discussion:  
Curtis A. Ravoula, Landowner around park lands. Report of discussion with Mr. Ravoula.  
Adjourn

### **Minutes**

Marne Kenitz called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. There were not enough voting members present for a quorum.

### **Review comments and notes from Public Info Meeting held on June 28, 2005, at the Cannon Falls Library**

Greg Isakson reviewed comments from the public meeting. Joyce Moorhouse stated she was disappointed there were not many people present at the meeting. Commissioner Samuelson was surprised to learn that many of the people jumping off the cliffs were accessing the cliffs from the beach on the Boy Scout property on the other side of the cliffs and therefore were not crossing County land. The concept of building the improvements in phases was discussed.

Construction of the trail along the lake shore and into the 7.5 acre site could be completed as a first phase and construction of a stairway up the hill could wait for additional funding.

The Board then discussed the Park's construction program. The shelters should be constructed this fall; the paths in the park would be the first priority for next year; constructing the base of the trail to and across the bottom of the 7.5 acre site would be the next priority. Security fencing may be required based on conversations with the Boy Scouts. If funding allows, playground equipment purchase would then be purchased.

Mr. Isakson suggested that the Park Board should invite representatives from the Boy Scouts to the next meeting to discuss the concept plans for the 7.5 acre site and security issues. (**NOTE:** Mike McCarthy was contacted and will be attending the next Park Board Meeting.)

It was decided to discuss emergency access to the 7.5 acres site with the Sheriff's Department before recommending any action concerning Mr. Griggs' proposal to allow this emergency access from his driveway in trade for not constructing the Option B trail shown on the concept plan for the 7.5 acre site.

#### **Camping and Lake Byllesby Park**

Henry Sorensen spoke with the Mayor of Lake City regarding the issue of establishing a successful campground. The Mayor stated that a 'tent camping only' campground is a losing proposition and the way to make money at this type of venture, the campground should offer RV and trailer camping. Mr. Sorensen also spoke with Margie Voltz of the '3 Rivers Park' District regarding the same issue and her recommendation was to establish a full service campground only, because anything less is a losing proposition.

Mr. Isakson stated that Commissioner Allen has reevaluated his concept of adding camping at the Lake Byllesby Park and instead would like us to look into establishing a camping facility at the 110 acre property. Commissioner Samuelson suggested the Park Board consider leasing the 110 acre site to an operator as part of this concept. Further discuss of this issue will take place at a future Park Board meeting.

#### **Playground equipment update, EF Anderson, Plans and estimates: Todd Anondson Sales person. St. Croix Valley Recreation, Plans and estimates: Matt Finegan Sales person**

Jim Klevan gave handouts and price quotes from EF Anderson and St. Croix Valley Recreation. The prices as quoted vary from \$15,000.00 - \$30,000.00 per set and the suggestion made was to have a set for 2 - 5 year olds and a set for 6 - 10 year olds.

#### **Review current status of work in the Park, picnic shelters placement and construction, trails, filling of pond, etc**

Mr. Klevan said the picnic shelters will be put up when the Sentence to Serve crews have time after finishing the 1916 Building demolition project, hopefully some time in August or September.

Mr. Klevan further stated the trails have been redressed, compacted and dirt filled in along the edges, with the plan of having the trails paved next year.

Mr. Klevan said the depression resulting from last year's construction has been re-graded to facilitate drainage.

**Access issues to the 110 acre land parcel further discussion**

Mr. Klevan said he has spoken with the adjacent landowner, Mr. Ravoula and as of now, he is not interested in selling property for an access to the 110 acres, but he is willing to meet and talk about an easement.

**Next meeting date**

Next scheduled meeting for this board is on Friday, September 16, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. at Byllesby Park.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Kalass*

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Park Board Chairperson