

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Thursday, April 19, 2018

At 3:01 pm, Thursday, April 19, 2018, Chairman Carlson called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: DuBose, Carlson, Kaiser, Sicheneder and Storm. Absent: none. Also present: Laird Mork, Park Director; Mike Robinson, County Commissioner; Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner; and Meeting Recorder Deb Johnson.

Director Kaiser offered a motion to approve the Agenda for the Board of Directors meeting. Second by Director Sicheneder and **carried unanimously**.

Director Kaiser offered a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018. Second by Director Sicheneder and **carried unanimously**.

We had our first conflict with the online shelter reservation system, which resulted in a shelter being double booked. Further changes are being implemented, which should alleviate this problem.

PowerPoint presentation on the GMRPTC and the Legacy Grants Program outcomes for 2016 through 2018 was viewed. Park Director shared with the Board how the Legacy Funding is working in Chisago County, and reviewed projects which have been funded.

Director DuBose introduced Jesse Boyle, who proposed building a mountain bike trail at KiChiSaga Park. The proposed trail would be narrow 1 ½ handle bar width, 1-2 miles in length, used for practice by a local club but also open to the public. The city of Lindstrom has a topo map with a proposed path for the park. The path would be built by volunteers, some of who belong to the Wooly Bike Club, which has built a seven mile trail in St. Croix Falls on private /public properties. Discussion held on including a trail at Checkerboard Park. Discussion held on parking impact, late summer/fall sport. It was the consensus of the Board to move the project forward and requested that he return to a future meeting with a map outlining the proposed trail, rules, and regulations.

Park Director attended a best practices trail maintenance seminar, which recommends routine maintenance of crack sealing, and seal coating on a regular basis to prolong trail surface. Discussion was held on adding a budget line for yearly maintenance needs as well as adding to the capital improvement plan for the county.

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail update was given to the Board. The LCCMR funding request is still in progress, with the session ending May 2018. The contract has been awarded to Dresel Contracting for the Connection Project Segment F. The joint powers agreement has been signed by the DNR. The county is reviewing the agreement between the city of Taylors Falls and the county. The Park Director shared a poster on the trail, which will be displayed this year at the State Fair, DNR Building.

The Sunrise Township Board was supportive of the land acquisition for preservation of the parcels along the Sunrise River which have been offered for donation to the County, however, there are pending assessments against six of the seven parcels due to recent bonding for broadband infrastructure. **Director DuBose** offered a motion to have the Park Director write a letter to the Sunrise Township Board

requesting waiving the assessments against the parcels. Second by Director Storm and **carried unanimously**.

The Trust for Public Lands is considering a funding request for land acquisition funds to acquire lands in the St. Croix watershed area and is requesting letters of interest from counties willing to partner in the acquisition of parcels in the St. Croix watershed. Discussion was held on parcels available adjacent to current park land. The Park Director will review the Park Plan for parcels identified within and put a list together and forward to the Trust for Public Lands for consideration.

Pictures showing stud damage were reviewed with the Park Board along the southern portion of the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail. The trail had new asphalt placed in 2017. Discussion held on recent meeting with the Sheriff and County Administrator regarding enforcement of snowmobile usage on the trail, on the policy of plowing the trail, eliminating all snowmobile usage along the trail, the need for one snowmobile club to be in charge of trail maintenance. **Director DuBose** offered a motion to approach the SnoDrifters Snowmobile Club with the interest to grooming of the entire trail and allow selective plowing of trail segments, approximately one mile within the cities of Wyoming, Stacy and North Branch and submit the policy change to the County Board for acknowledgement. Second by Director Carlson and **carried unanimously**. The Park Director will share the new management policy with the cities of Wyoming, Stacy and North Branch. Additionally the snowmobile clubs will be invited out to note the damage and talk about changes to management to work toward minimizing future damage.

Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner, was present to review with the Board the draft of the Fish Lake Park Master Plan progress. Discussion was held and several changes that will be made. An additional section will be reviewed at the May meeting. Additionally, steps will include open house to review and receive comments on the proposed plan. Fish Lake Township Hall was suggested as a meeting place, dates to be determined.

A request was reviewed by Erick Peterson to assist with downfall clean up along the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail, a portion which includes private and public areas. It was determined that the area was city not county property. Sunrise Township is requesting to remove a portion of trees which shades the road and causes icing along a segment of road adjacent to the park reserve land. The Park Director asked Sunrise Township to send in a map outlining the request. Liability waivers will be required for any party/agreement made.

Director Kaiser offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 pm. Second by Director DuBose and **carried unanimously**.

Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2018.

Gregg Carlson, Chair

Attest:

Laird Mork
Parks Director