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CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, April 18, 2019

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 18, 2019, Chairman Storm called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: Dan Kaiser, Jolene Wille, Gregg Carlson, Jill Sicheneder and Frank Storm. Also present: Laird Mork, Park Director; County Commissioners Mike Robinson and Kurt Schneider, Environmental Services Director, Scott Watters and Kevin Gustafson of the North Branch Sno-drifters.

Director Kaiser offered a motion to approve the meeting agenda for April 18th Board of Directors meeting. Second by Director Carlson and **carried unanimously**.

Director Carlson offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 21st Board of Directors meeting. Second by Director Kaiser and **carried unanimously**.

Environmental Services Director Kurt Schneider shared the message that Chisago County is advertising to fill the Park Director position. Schneider also acknowledged that the plan was to move the office over to the government center.

Review Ki-Chi-Saga Park ballfield requests. Chisago County received two requests, 1st from the LARA youth sports organization. The request came in from Joe Bjelland for the use of two of the fields within the triplex /main ballfield area from mid-April through mid-July. Chisago County also received a request from Bob Gustafson for the use of all three of the fields, two of the fields for adult men's, women's and Church leagues and 1 for LARA youth. Following a phone call with men's and women's League Director, Dustin Grell, it is determined that in-fact the adult leagues would not be scheduled to use the fields this year. By consensus two of the fields will be provided to LARA youth per request from Mr. Bjelland and one will be available for adult/church leagues per request by Mr. Gustafson.

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail

Interstate State Park project updates,

Review expectations from MN DNR Parks and Trails related to the Interstate State Park project.

Adjacent property owner requests fencing, review purchase agreement, land owner offer and cost info, County Park Board consensus to purchase materials for fencing project per land purchase agreement with acknowledgement that owner agreed to have line surveyed and install the fence.

Other property lines along the trail are to be identification and marked as well. Simple fencing and posting for adjacent owners, (Private Property please stay on Trail) similar to the signs posted along the trail east of Rydeen.

May 11th Segment F opening celebration will be at the Shafer City Hall parking area off Redwing at 10 a.m. Funding applications are now being accepted for 2021 projects. No action taken

Park Board Directors were informed of an erosion concern adjacent to bridge #2 off the edge of the trail. The situation should be reviewed with NRCS and the adjacent property owner. At a minimum, action should be taken to avert additional erosion that may jeopardize the trail in coming years.

City of Shafer requests connection from new City Park, Park Board Directors agreed by consensus to grant the request regarding the trail connection.

Sunrise Prairie Trail

Park Board Directors were notified of

Natural resource infraction, trees cut along the trail by adjacent property owner. In this case the county only acquired an easement across the parcel. For the record, parts of the trail are easement only other parts are owned in fee. County control depends on how that easement is written.

Report on meeting with Scott Watters and Kevin Gustafson regarding trail operation & related policy. The meeting inspection reveals damage was very limited, the unplowed areas received almost no damage, and the regular grooming completed by the North Branch Sno-drifter club was a vast improvement. Only damage observed was at Stacy near the bridge where grooming ended and plowing started.

Natural Resource Management by County Parks and Trails Division

Pollinator Friendly County, in 2016 the county Declared Chisago County a Pollinator Friendly County and passed resolution No. 16/1102-3 To that end County is currently under grant working with NRCS. Special pollinator friendly seeding was completed at Kost Dam in 2018, and the plan is to complete planting of areas at Ki-Chi-Saga in spring of 2019 and Dennis Frandsen in the spring or fall of 2019. Documents and paperwork will need to be processed and provided to staff at NRCS office.

Park Board discussion related to readiness to address EAB was considered. Director Mork recommended a program initiation related to inventory and management planning starting as soon as this season. Park Board Directors agreed, no action taken.

Park Specific Field Concerns

Kost Dam

Earth dike stability evaluation. The park board is informed of a concern noted by staff that the earth dike may show some signs that would indicate possible stability concerns. Park Board Directors agreed that the issue should be referred to appropriate county and MN DNR Staff to be further determined.

Park Board was informed of a drain tile failure at Kost Dam that needs to be addressed.

Park Board members are informed of sever erosion at the south end of the hiking trail.

Consensus was to post/close the hiking trail temporarily due to the resource damage and threat to additional damage and public safety. The issue to be referred to NRCS to consult on possible solutions.

Frandsen Park

Consider well needed, no Action taken.

Water resource management concerns observed, no action taken.

Fish Lake

Hiking trail accessibility, surface amendment needed. No action taken

Checkerboard

Children's play equipment needed, no action taken.

Continue to pursue acquisition of Lutz 40 on the northwest corner, no action taken.

Next Park Board meeting is May 30th.

Adjourned