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### Park Commission

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Tour of Coney Island

**5:30pm Tour of Coney Island**  
**Meet at Lola's Lakehouse Restaurant**  
**318 E Lake Street**  
**Waconia, MN**

**In the event of in climate weather**  
**the meeting and tour will be cancelled**

#### Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (5:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes (5:30 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (5:31 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (5:32 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (5:33 p.m.)
- 6) Tour of Coney Island (5:34pm)
- 7) Staff Reports (6:45 p.m.)
  - a. Sale of Land to DNR
  - b. MN River Bluffs Regional Trail
  - c. Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Ribbon Cutting
  - d. Lake Waconia Regional Park/Coney Island Master Plan Amendment
  - e. Aquatic Invasive Species 2015 Update
  - f. Events and Activities
  - g. 2015 Camping Operation Updates
- 8) Commission Member Reports (7:15 p.m.)
- 9) Set Next Meeting Date (7:20p.m.) – Proposed Date November 4, 2015
- 10) Adjourn Meeting (7:30p.m.)

**Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 466 – 5250.**

# Draft Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015

**Members Present:** Carroll Aasen, Tom Hermann, Jim Boettcher, Jim Manders, Gerald Bruner, Ron Trick, Curt Kobilarcsik and Commissioner Lynch

**Staff Present:** Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

**Park Commission and Staff Toured Whitetail Woods Regional Park – Meeting followed tour**  
Dakota County Staff Ms. Landahl, Mr. Gross and Landscape Architect Josh gave the Park Commission a tour of Whitetail Woods Regional Park. Areas toured were creative play area, sledding hill, shelter facilities, restroom facilities, general ground areas and camper cabins. Dakota County staff also shared with Park Commission the processes and costs associated with the park and different areas.

**Call to Order:** Manders, called the meeting to order at **(4:30p.m.)**

**Approval of Minutes:** **(4:31p.m.)**  
Trick motioned to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes with the correction that Mr. Trick was present at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. Hermann was not.  
Aasen seconded the motion.  
Motion passed 7 to 0

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** **(4:31p.m.)**  
None

**Approval of Agenda:** **(4:32p.m.)**  
Bruner motioned to approve meeting agenda  
Boettcher seconded the motion.  
Motion passed 7 to 0.

**Commissioner Liaison Report:** **(4:32p.m.)**  
Commissioner Lynch just wanted to reiterate that he is very excited about the meetings that have taken place on the Lake Waconia Master Plan and the upcoming meetings; he stated that they have been very well received. Mr. Lynch also mentioned the tour of the island and the things he observed on the island during the tour.

**Open to the Public:** **(4:33p.m.)**  
None Present

**New Business** **(4:33p.m.)**

**A. Master Plan Amendment Incorporating Coney Island**

Staff reviewed the first open house that was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Waconia Event Center with a good group of people showing up with good comments. The weekend after the open house another public engagement was held at the park and had some good feedback from kids and adults.

The park staff along with Ms. Amberg the consultant from WSB presented to the Park Commission a draft amendment to expand the boundary of Lake Waconia Regional Park to incorporate Coney Island into the plan.

Ms. Amberg shared with the Park Commission that Metropolitan Council has a list of items that need to be addressed in the amendment in order to incorporate the Island to the Master Plan. She reviewed the items on the Draft Amendment that have been taken care of and items that still are being worked on, like the public input process, hopefully to have all these items done by March of 2016. She is asking the Park Commission to authorize the draft plan to submit to Metropolitan Council so they can take a preliminary review of draft, give any comments back to us in order to have everything approved by November so the Property acquisition can go forward.

Staff stated that the draft document is consistent with the County 2030 comprehensive plan, the Metropolitan Council 2040 Regional Parks Policy plan and also the public is aware of plan. Staff stated that draft plan covers the eleven regional park master requirements. Staff stated that he has not heard of anyone that does not want us to go forward with adding Coney Island.

Ms. Amberg stated that at the public engagements that have taking place, people are excited about the addition.

Staff stated that the technical advisory community is made up of different entities in the community.

Staff stated that the County Board did approve the charitable pledge donation of the island; Mr. Hoffman did attend the technical advisor meeting and is still a willing selling.

Staff is requesting that the Park Commission recommend approval of the Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan, Draft Acquisition Amendment Plan conditioned on the approval of the Metropolitan Council. Staff would also like to request acquisition opportunity funding to finance the acquisition from Met Council.

Discussion was had on what Met Council may come back to us for.

Staff asked that the Park Commission approve the Amendment to Incorporate Coney Island to the Master Plan.

Aasen motioned for the staff recommendation

Bruner Second the motion

All in Favor

Motion passed 7 to 0

Questions and Comments:

Boettcher asked if Exhibit B in the Draft was an original plan for the island; Staff stated that yes it was an original plan for the island but never developed.

Aasen stated that he only heard one negative comment about the fire safety of the park; Staff stated that we may have to have a conditional use permit with the township; it will have to be something that we work on.

Hermann asked if someone from pollution control needs to sign off on the island; Staff stated that the site is not listed as a cleanup site. We have had a phase one analysis done and it does not indicate anything that would require more testing.

Manders had questions on the financing of the island; Staff reviewed the funding sources for purchasing the island and the financing of the island stating that very little of the funds would be coming from Carver County. Staff also reviewed where the funds come from that Metropolitan Council supplies to us.

No other questions or comments

**Staff Reports:**

**(4:56 p.m.)**

**A. Sale of Land to DNR**

Staff updated the Park Commission on the status of the land purchase to the DNR and stated that it will be going through the process in October. Met Council will take final action in November. Hopefully by early December they will authorize the sale to the DNR.

Staff stated the funds being used will all be eligible for reimbursement through the Met Council CIP funds. Staff stated a few items that still need to be address with utility companies.

Questions and Comments

Trick of the sales goes through in December, when will they start clean up/construction; Staff stated probable not in 2016 more likely in 2017/2018.

No other questions or comments

**B. MN River Bluffs Regional Trail**

Staff stated that the pre-construction meeting will take place next Monday and then we will have a better understanding of the timeline for that project.

No Questions or Comments

**C. Aquatic Invasive Species 2015 update**

Staff stated that staffing has gone from 40 at the height of season to about 10 staff to finish off the season. Staff also stated that over the weekend at Lake Minnewashta there was a crustacean found on an outbound boat, initial thinking that it is not a zebra mussel but waiting to get confirmation from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. Staff also stated that there is another boat access on to Lake Minnewashta.

No other Questions of Comments

Kobilarcsik asked how often we find mussels during the inspection; Staff stated not too often we have found zebra mussels on weeds manly on inbound traffic.

Hermann asked if the decontamination unit has been set up; Staff stated that it is setup and being used there was a delay in delivery due to a funding glitch but it was all worked out and received in late July.

Boettcher asked when inspections end at Lake Minnewashta; Staff stated the end of September.

Aasen asked if any others are from outbound; Staff stated that at Lake Waconia there has been some on outbound boats.

Staff stated that the ASI program will be moving to Land and Water Services for 2016.

No other Questions or Comments

**D. Events and Activities**

Staff stated that the Chili Cook-off at Baylor Park is on October 10<sup>th</sup> at noon – looking for help if Park Commission member are interested.

Staff will bring a more compressive review of the activities and events this past summer to the November meeting.

More events this fall – there will be a ribbon cutting at Lake Minnewashta later this month and a ground breaking for the SW trail.

Questions or Comments

Aasen asked about the Paddleboards

No other Questions or Comments

**E. Water Quality Testing**

Staff stated that this week they did close Baylor Park beach due to poor water quality.

Staff will also prepare the water quality from this past summer; we did have some higher E Coli samples from the later part of the season, but nothing out of the ordinary.

No other questions or comments

**Commission Member Reports:** (5:12 p.m.)

Bruner stated that he was on the Technical Advisor Committee for the Lake Waconia Master Plan and was part of the tour of Coney Island. He stated that he feels that the Island will be a big draw for people and was surprised how clean the island was. Thinks it has great potential.

Manders asked if there was any erosion problem on the island; Staff stated that on the back side of the island there is some, but no real issues on the front side of the island.

Staff stated that the actual acreage of island is 33.7 according to the County Surveyor.

No other comments

**Next Meeting Date:** (5:17 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30p.m. at the Public Works Building, Cologne

**Set November Meeting Date:** (5:18p.m.)

November meeting will tentatively be on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. at the Public Works Building in Cologne - Subject to change.

**Adjourn Meeting:** (5:19 p.m.)

Boettcher motioned to adjourn the meeting

Aasen seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 to 0.