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Carver County Park Commission Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

*Public Works Building
11360 hwy 212 West Cologne, MN 55322 at 7:30 p.m.*

Agenda

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to Order (7:00 p.m.)
- 2) Roll Call (7:01 p.m.)
- 3) Approval of the July 13th, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:02 p.m.)
- 4) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:03 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of Agenda (7:04 p.m.)
- 6) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:05 p.m.)
- 7) Old Business (7:10 p.m.)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
- 8) New Business (7:45 p.m.)
 - a. Resolution of Support for the County Road 10 Regional Trail Grant Application
- 9) Staff Reports (7:55 p.m.)
 - a. Dakota Rail Regional trail
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 - ii. Phase I Construction
 - iii. Phase II Planning
 - b. TH 41 Trail and Underpass
 - c. Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition Events, Activities
- 10) Commission Member Reports (8:00 p.m.)
- 11) Set Next Meeting Date (8:05 p.m.)
- 12) Adjourn Meeting (8:10 p.m.)

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

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Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2011 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Neil Wingert, Jerald Moja, Thomas Hermann, Myron Karki, Cindy Dobratz

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Lenny Klevan Schmitz

Prior to the official meeting from 6:30-7:15 p.m., Staff took members of the Park Commission on a walking tour of Lake Waconia Regional Park and the surrounding area. As part of the tour the park commission visited old beach lane, beach area and adjacent Pauls Parcel.

Public Present: Steve Gunther, Joe Schneider, Lynne Wagner, Del Jensen

CALL TO ORDER - Moja called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

MINUTES - Herman motioned to approve the June 8th, 2011 minutes. Dobratz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

AGENDA- Wingert motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of "Open to the Public". Karki seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Lynne Wagner from Waconia inquired on the status of the acquisition of the Pauls Parcel and the removal of Old Beach Lane. Walsh provided an update and outlined the current plan and timeline staff is working towards.

LIAISON REPORT- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Aquatic Invasive Species inspections

Steve Gunther from the Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association provided a handout and information about Zebra Mussels and AIS. He also spoke about pooling resources to monitor lakes "fulltime" to protect our lakes. Homeowners on Lake Minnewashta are spending upwards of \$10,000 in 2011 for the staff to inspect boats at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Dialog continued between Steve Gunther and members of the park commission and staff. In the end all agreed we want to do what we can to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels. The park commission is supportive and interested in working within our means to collect data and inspect boats and protect our lakes.

- b. Budget Request
 - a. Budget Narrative –
Walsh provided a copy of the department budget narrative. This narrative goes along with the budget request providing information about trends in park use, challenges the department faces with major projects (Past, present and future). It also provides more insight into the need for the funds requested in the line item budget and CIP.
 - b. Operating Budget
Walsh handed out a revised budget request for members to look over and provide any comments and feedback.
 - c. CIP Request
Walsh provided a handout of the upcoming and current CIP request being made for the department highlighting some of the major acquisition and development projects anticipated over the next several years.

STAFF REPORTS-

- a. County Road 10 Dakota Rail Regional Trail Connection
Walsh provided a brief update on negotiations to purchase right of way needed to develop the trail connection from the Dakota Rail Regional Trail to CR 10 as part of the bridge reconstruction project. Staff also indicated that the bridge replacement will have intermittent trail closure of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail during construction but the trail is planned to be open on weekends and evenings when possible.
- b. Update on the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park/TH 41 Trail and Underpass

Walsh reported that the state shut down will have a major impact on the review process and the project would not likely begin until 2012.
- c. Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - a. Phase I – Walsh reported that the state shut down is preventing the completion of the project.
 - b. Phase II – Walsh reported that the planning work continues for this project including the project memorandum.
- d. Union Pacific Railroad/Extension of the Minnesota River Valley Bluffs Regional Trail

Walsh explained the latest setback is a ballast report we received from UP which indicates there is arsenic and lead contamination in the ballast material. Likely further work will be done to test the ballast prior to acquisition.
- e. Events and activities:

Klevan Schmitz provided a handout about past programs this summer and upcoming programs being offered.

f. Goose Management

Klevan Schmitz reported that on June 27 about 85 geese were removed from Eagle Lake.

NEXT MEETING – Will be cancelled if there are not major items for the agenda.

ADJOURN - Wingert made a motion to adjourn. Karki seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.