



**Carver
County
Parks**

11360 Highway 212 West, Suite 2
Cologne, MN 55322

**Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

**Lake Waconia Regional Park
8170 Paradise Lane
Waconia, MN 55387**

Site Tour Coney Island 5:00 p.m.

**Regular meeting 7:30
Waconia Event Center**

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (7:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:32 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:33 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (7:35 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:38 p.m.)
- 6) Open to the Public (7:40 p.m.)
- 7) New Business (7:45 p.m.)
 - a. 2020 Fee Schedule
- 8) Staff Reports (8:00 p.m.)
 - a. Lake Waconia Regional Park/ Coney Island
 - i. Planning and Construction Activities
 - b. Schematic Design Lake Waconia Regional Park Picnic Shelter
 - c. TH 5 Arboretum Regional Trail Connection
 - d. Park System Operations & Recreation Services Update
- 9) Commission Member Reports (8:15 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:20 p.m.) – October 8, 2019 Location TBD
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (8: 25p.m.)

Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 952-466-5250.

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Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2019

Members Present: Jim Manders, Gerald Bruner, Curt Kobilarcsik, Mark Lagergren, Jim Boettcher, Scott Welvaert, Paul Modeen and Commissioner Lynch

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

Tour of Coney Island: Park Commission Members, Sam Pertz, Marty Walsh, Connie Keller and Commissioner Lynch went out to Coney Island to see further progress on vegetation removal and to get an understanding on the next phase of work to take place on the island.

Introduction of New Park Commission Member Paul Modeen (7:20p.m.) Modeen introduced himself and shared information about himself. He is on the Dahlgren Township Board, and is excited to be on the Park Commission. Park Commission Members and staff also introduced themselves to Modeen.

Call to Order: Bruner called the meeting to order at **(7:26p.m.)**

Approval of Minutes: **(7:26p.m.)**
Manders motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes Boettcher seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: **(7:26p.m.)**
None Added

Approval of Agenda: **(7:27 p.m.)**
Manders motioned to approve meeting agenda.
Kobilarcsik seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Commissioner Liaison Report: **(7:27p.m.)**
Commissioner Lynch talked about the elimination of park fees and feels that it will be well received. He thinks the island will be a great place for people to go to. He thanked Marty for all his work that has gone into getting these projects put together with all the agencies involved.

Open to the Public: **(7:29 p.m.)**
None Present

Staff Reports: **(7:29 p.m.)**

A. Lake Waconia Regional Park
i. Planning Construction Activities

Staff updated park commission on what is happening with activity in the park with the sewer and water project activity that is coming from the city into the park, also stated that there is a little snag due to the permitting on the DNR property, so they will skip over that portion and then comeback and finish up when permit is obtained. Also working on developer's agreement with the city.

Staff stated that the grading work will start after Labor Day, Rachel is the contractor and they are doing the city work and will be doing the Anderson parcel. Met Council will have a different contractor for their sewer interceptor line.

Developers agreement with the City will go to County Board on Tuesday.

Staff also shared that they have been meeting with local papers on getting information out to public on the project and the next article coming out will be about the removal of vegetation in the park and how most of the trees will be removed. Conversation was had on vegetation removal in the main park and that information is on the website for what is going on. The conceptual designs for the future buildings have not been posted on-line, due to no funding for these items yet. Conversation was had on the grading, things will look very different at the park. There will be some vegetation replaced but not in areas that will have future work.

Question or Comments:

Lagergren is wondering if this project will be done this fall; staff stated that they are moving pretty quickly they might be head of schedule.

Kobilarcsik asked if a trail would be placed once done; staff stated the trail will be on the Met Council portion of the sewer line that comes into park and follows the old Hwy alignment on south side of park and that section will have the trail grade on top of that.

Lynch asked if the park is still open; Staff stated that it will remain open until after Labor Day.

Manders asked if the stormwater will drain to the south; Staff stated that it will.

B. TH 5 Arboretum Regional Trail Connection

Staff updated the park commission on the TH 5 Trail, the project is well over budgeted amounts and partners have been made aware and they are still hanging in there. The plans are in the process of being finalized. Permitting is continuing with DNR, many other agencies, which has been challenging. They would have preferred a boardwalk and SRF has advised against this, due to unsafe conditions. The DNR is now the acting entity for getting this permit. We would like to get this project out for bid by September.

Questions or Comments:

Kobilarcsik asked when this project could get started; Staff stated late October or November with some vegetation removal and grading. There is shortage of box culvert sections for projects. Staff stated that if bids are not favorable, they may rebid in the spring.

Modeen asked if the trail is asphalt; Staff stated yes. He also asked if the agreements are formal agreements; Staff shared what type of agreements we have with partners. He also wanted to know who initiated the project; Staff stated the County initiated project, which was a grant application back in 2014 and other funding for this project.

Kobliarcsik stated that this trail is a great connector to other trails.

Additional Update MN River Bluffs Regional Trail -staff continues to meet with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority. They are progressing with plans for restoration of slop failure and trail. A meeting is planned for how to deal with the mortgage on the property.

C. Park System Operations & Recreation Services updates

Staff shared that entrance fees will be eliminated starting on December 1st, 2019. Also shared are what is being done to get this information out to the public by way of social media, web page, eblasts, handouts at the

gate house and signage at the honor boxes, article in the local papers and Star Tribune. Information was also provided at the recreation demonstration area of the county fair. Staff stated they will work with Sheriff's Department on how the parks will be patrolled going forward.

Staff stated that they will be having a cleanup on the Island on September 28th with the Waconia Conservation Club. This cleanup will be to haul some bigger items off the island. Staff stated that if any of the park commission members would like to participate to let staff know.

Staff stated that lifeguard services end on August 18th at Lake Minnewashta and Lake Waconia Regional Park.

Questions or Comments:

Boettcher stated that he spoke with AIS staff at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and they are concerned about an increase in number of boaters. Staff stated that there will still be weekend gate attendants on weekends to keep track of number of boats coming in, but signage will have to be updated with no parking and having the sheriff still patrol.

No other questions or comments

Commission Member Reports: (8:00p.m.)

Kobilarcsik wanted to congratulate Sam on his new addition to the family his new baby boy!

Manders was wondering if any former commissioners turned out at the ground-breaking event, conversation was had on who was in attendance. Manders also commented on a portion of the Dakota Trail that is marked with cones where the trail has surface/subsurface issues and wondering if it was in Carver County or Hennepin; Staff stated Hennepin and explained what appears to be happening. Manders also stated that the Mud Run was a great event and enjoyed helping.

Welvaert shared that he participated with the fishing with friends group at Firemen's park and had a great time.

Boettcher commented that he participated in the national night out in Chanhassen and rode to a few of the parks in the front seat of a police car. He also stated he attended one of the events that Commission Degler spoke at and he brought up the elimination of fees at the parks. Also talked about being the cohost for a DNR meeting it is one of three meetings being held about lakeshore fishing.

Bruner stated that he is one of three members of Met Council land use committee that will be attending a water management meeting, will be seven different water agencies in attendance, not sure on agenda should be a interesting meeting.

Next Meeting Date: (8:08 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on September 11, 2019. Meeting will be held at Lake Waconia Regional Park in Waconia at 5:00p.m. A trip to Island is planned.

Adjourn Meeting: (8:13 p.m.)

Manders motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Boettcher seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

Final Minutes prepared by Connie Keller

Approved by Commission Chair

