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Park Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 12th, 2013

6:30 p.m. Trail Tour, 8:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

Baylor Regional Park
Visitor Center
10775 County Road 33
Norwood Young America, 55397

Dakota Rail Regional Trail Tour

- 1) Assemble at the Visitor Center Parking Lot, Depart for New Germany Trailhead

Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) Arrive at Visitor Center at 8:15 p.m.
- 2) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (8:16 p.m.)
- 3) Approval of the May 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes (8:17 p.m.)
- 4) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (8:18 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of Agenda (8:19 p.m.)
- 6) Open to the Public (8:20 p.m.)
- 7) New Business (8:21 p.m.)
 - a. 2014 Budget (Information to be provided at meeting)
 - i. General Fund Budget Request
 - ii. Proposed 2014-19 CIP
- 8) Staff Reports (8:50 p.m.)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Program-Update
 - b. Southwest Regional Trail
 - c. Events and Activities
- 9) Commission Member Reports (9:00 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (9:01 p.m.)
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (9:02 p.m.)

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

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Draft
Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 2013

Members Present: Thomas Hermann, Myron Karki, Jim Manders, Carrol Aasen

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz

CALL TO ORDER: Karki called the meeting to order at 7:44p.m.

MINUTES: 7:44p.m. Hermann motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10th, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Aasen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

7:45p.m. Staff addition in Staffing Reports, asking Park Commission to make recommendation to the County Board for approval of FREE Park entry for National Get Outdoors Day participants for the 2013 event. Motion passed 4 to 0.

AGENDA: 7:46p.m. Hermann motioned to approve meeting agenda, Manders seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Open to the Public: 7:46p.m.
None.

New Business: 7:04p.m.

A. 2014 Budget:

i. Budget schedule

Staff shares budget timeline and outline with Park Commission members, reporting work by Staff to be in to Parks Director by May 30th, and continued work by Director beginning part of June. Karki asks Walsh about Administration budget strategy and work conversation with managers and directors. Walsh responds that to some degree conversation(s) have been had regarding budgeting strategy, but continual work and conversation will take place. Staff informs Park Commission that a presentation of 2014 budget work/plans will be provided at the regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting in June.

No additional questions or comments.

ii. Draft CIP

Staff discusses work regarding the partnership with the DNR on Pauls Parcel at Lake Waconia Regional Park that has a closing date of June 13th. Walsh updates Commission members that conversation about this partnership has been happening once or twice a year, and is likely to increase once parcel is officially acquired. Karki expresses Public excitement about land acquisition and conveys the message to barricade Old Beach Lane once parcel is County owned. Karki believes this would allow safer travel to/from Park for walkers, runners and bikers. Staff reviews CIP presentation brought to Park Commission in prior Park Commission meeting. Hermann asks Staff about redevelopment of the beach

area at Baylor Park. Staff responds that at this time, no plans to redevelop that facility based on positive results and feedback in 2012 from users.

No additional questions or comments.

Old Business (8:33p.m.)

A. Draft Trails Policy:

Staff presents various documents to Park Commission and review trail systems within Carver County. Documents discuss type of trail (destination, regional, linking – attached vs. detached) as well as policy on cost-share, maintenance responsibilities and also an overview of plans that show trail segments. Staff express to the Commission members that work on the Trails Policy is nearly finalized. Commission member Karki asks Staff about intended meeting/date for recommendation to County Board? Walsh indicates likely the June 12th regularly scheduled meeting.

No additional questions or comments.

Staff Reports (8:47p.m.)

A. Aquatic Invasive Species Program – Update:

Pertz reports...

- Grant application in December of 2012
 - 2 inspectors, 6am – 7pm services Saturdays and Sundays at Lake Waconia access
 - Applied for 1,000 hours
 - Awarded 751 hours, March 2013
- Pertz had communication with DNR Staff about scheduled/application request & approval for staffing at Lake Waconia
- Pertz informed there shouldn't be any issue with schedule outlined in application
- Informed 5/8/13 DNR staffing schedule would not be as applied for in Grant application
- Pertz directed AIS Coordinator to adjust schedule to provide service at Lake Waconia access off Hwy 155 for Opening fishing weekend
- Additional Staffing thought/work to supplement the DNR staffing schedule going forward
- DNR assures Pertz that the awarded 751 hours will indeed be provided/used
- Pertz continues to work with DNR to meet County needs and application details

Commission members suggest adding a note on the Parks webpage specific to the AIS services, encouraging/reminding fisherman to bring fresh water for bait buckets in their vehicles for post inspection at the accesses.

Public Question: Where is Staff work on Centralized Inspection services to add inspection service for Christmas Lake to the inspection service provided at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Walsh responds with work that has been done with DNR to this point, explaining preliminary thinking and discussion has taken place regarding adding inspection from Christmas Lake to the inspection system at Lake Minnewashta. Staff reviews the direction from the County Board in the spring of the year to continue work on what would be in adding inspection service to the park. Staff continues with discussion, updating Commission members and Public that other priorities are consuming time at this point.

Public Question: Can a Level I Inspector by-pass inspection services at a lake access?

Pertz responds that if Certified Inspector is present at an access, one cannot legally by-pass an inspection.

No further questions or comments.

B. Amendment No. 1 Minnesota River Bluffs Extension Regional Trail:

Walsh updates Park Commission that the amendment was approved by the Metropolitan Parks and Regional Open Space Commission on May 7th.

No further questions or comments.

C. Southwest Regional Trail:

Walsh provides an update to Commission members regarding work on the Southwest Regional Trail by identifying current work on certificate of right of way to be provided to the State before additional work can take place. Walsh also shares letters of consent have been obtained from City of Chaska and City of Victoria.

No further questions or comments.

D. Events and Activities:

Pertz provides an update on recent Programming and Special Events. Special emphasis on the Grand Opening Celebration for the Dakota Rail Regional Trail on June 1st in New Germany. Pertz also updates Park Commission on the first month of the camping season. Pertz mentions that gate houses will be regularly staffed at all Parks starting Memorial Day weekend, and also mentions the start of lifeguard services at Lake Waconia Regional Park and Lake Minnewashta Regional Park on Saturday June, 8th.

No further questions or comments.

E. Legislative Update:

Walsh provides a brief update to Commission members on work taking place in St. Paul, which has been mostly focused on debate over Parks & Trails Legacy funds. Walsh believes the biggest issue is the difference in views in distributing funding between Metro Regional Parks and Regional Parks of Greater Minnesota.

No further questions or comments.

Commission Member Reports: (8:58p.m.)

None provided.

Next Meeting Date: (8:59p.m.) 7:00pm on June 12th at the Baylor Regional Park Campground Office/Historic Barn. Tour of New Germany Trailhead Facility.

Adjourn Meeting: (9:00p.m.) 9:00p.m. Hermann motioned to adjourn the meeting, Aasen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.