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Park Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th, 2013

6:30 p.m. Tour & Regular Meeting

Public Works Building

11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN

Assemble at South Parking lot of the Public Works Building

Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (6:30 p.m.)
- 2) Open to the Public (6:30 p.m.)
- 3) Depart for Trail Tour (6:35 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of the July 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes (6:40 p.m.)
- 5) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (6:45 p.m.)
- 6) Approval of Agenda (6:47 p.m.)
- 7) New Business (6:48 p.m.)
 - a. Tour of Potential Trail Grant Application Projects
 - Carver
 - Chaska
 - Chanhassen
 - Victoria
 - Waconia
- 8) Staff Reports (Provided In Route 6:50)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Program-Update
 - b. Southwest Regional Trail
 - c. Phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - d. Lake Minnewashta Park and TH 41 Trail
 - e. Events and Activities
 - Chili cook-off – Park Commission to participate.
- 9) Commission Member Reports (Provided In Route)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:59 p.m.)
- 11) Return from Trail Tour (9:00 p.m.)
- 12) Adjourn Meeting (9:00 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 10, 2013

Members Present: Tim Lynch, Myron Karki, Ron Trick, Thomas Hermann, Jim Manders, Carrol Aasen, Josh Ives

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

CALL TO ORDER: Karki called the meeting to order at 8:03p.m.

MINUTES: 8:04p.m. Hermann motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

AGENDA: 8:06p.m. Ives motioned to approve meeting agenda, Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.

Open to the Public: 6:30p.m.
Address public questions and intentions for Lake Waconia Regional Park in park prior to tour of the park.
Public Present:
Jeff Manning – Waconia
Marv Parken – Waconia
Rich Peterson – Waconia
Dustin Holmes – Waconia
Kristin Bruellman - Waconia
Jennifer Berg – Waconia
Del Jensen – Waconia
Brian Felber – Waconia
Mike Nertael – Waconia
Lindsay Fromm – Waconia
Tanya Meyer – Waconia
Lynn Wagner - Waconia

New Business: 8:07p.m.

Request to Amend Site Plan and Agreements for the Casby Observatory and Classroom.

Walsh contacted building official about removal of sidewalk and proposed changes at the Observatory and his concerns of about traffic patterns around building. The building official was invited to Observatory to see what is proposed. Walsh also provided a drawing of the sidewalk to be removed. The building official said he would keep as is. Merle was invited to attend to night's meeting and declined to attend. Walsh's recommendation is to keep as approved.

The recommendation by the Commission is to continue the plan as originally approved.
Motion passed 7 to 0

Staff Reports (8:15p.m.)

A. 2014 Budget:

Presentation of budget as it will be given to the County Board. Budget hearing end of July with Board. Marty provides opportunity to Commission members to ask questions and explain budget further if needed.

Manders - Question about budget vs. CIP, Marty reviews what will be presented to the Board, emphasis on the LMP paving project in 2014.

No additional questions or comments.

B. Aquatic Invasive Species Program -Update:

ASI work continues - Sam presented boat inspections this year as compared to last year County wide, we have surpassed last year's totals.

Home owners association on Pearson's Lake has proposed changes to the inspection hours to capture greater launch activity. More hours have been added, and the Watershed district has contributed more funds for the additional hours.

Zebra Mussels were found on a sailboat trying to launch on Lake Waconia last Sunday. The boat had last been on the St. Croix and was turned away to go get decontaminated.

Total hours we have provided so far is on target.

Expense, staffing, iPhones and miscellaneous trending less than the \$100,000.00 Budgeted.

Tagging system is working well, need to work out some kinks. Going thru more tags than anticipated, they are ordering more and a nice convenience to boaters.

Pearson Lake has overlapping people with DNR and our Staff, so DNR asked to cover Wednesdays.

Numbers do not indicate DNR inspections just County Staff. It is noted that we are having scheduling difficulties with DNR.

Christmas Lake, HOA requested consideration for a joint inspection program at Lake Minnewashta Park. Work needs to be done to determine costs and any cost savings.

The proposed program will not go into effect this year. The County Board will determine if the program goes forward as is; or adding inspections to Lake Minnewashta. Walsh needs to figure out the cost to go forward. Christmas Lake Boaters would need to be inspected at Minnewashta then go back to Christmas Lake. Several concerns and cost need to be addressed including construction of a structure at Lake Minnewashta for the joint inspection program.

The Christmas Lake HOA would pay for technology items. Need more information on the Christmas Lake project.

No further questions or comments.

C. South West Regional Trail

Update on the Southwest Regional Trail, the project is out for bid, 1/3 of mile in Chaska along County Road 62 and ½ mile in Victoria, bid opening on July 30. Walsh would like to know if the commission would like to meet prior to next meeting so they could make recommendation to the Board after bid opening. The commission asked to have the bid tabulation forwarded to them but to continue with the lowest responsible bid proposal.

Aasen – What is engineers est. - Staff over \$500,000

The Park Commissioners have decided to have the bid tab information emailed to them rather than meeting, if issues reply to all Park Commission.

Walsh would like to go to the Board with the recommendations toward the end of July

No further questions or comments.

D. Phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Walsh went back to the consulting engineer about the pavement condition. Possible corrections could include rolling on a hot day to even out the trail, or slurry seal. The consulting engineer is to provide additional information on the possible remedies.

Karki asked what if those options don't work? Staff - May end up having a project deduct from the general Contractor.

No further questions or comments.

E. Lake Minnewashta Park and TH 41 Trail

Staff Report, down to absolute last punch-list items. The guard rail has been installed, the gas main has been rerouted, what is left is erosion items. But everything has been pretty much wrapped up.

No further questions or comments.

F. Events and Activities:

Busy time of year for the parks, gate receipts for July 4th at Lake Waconia and Lake Minnewashta were up from same time last year. Parks were packed with visitors during the 4th of July.

The fishing program at Lake Waconia occurred on a great day, nice turnout.

Little library's installed at Lake Minnewashta and Baylor park, done by Eagle Scout. We will see how they work in the two parks, before having one at Waconia.

Good partner with Norwood Young America and Extension Office for the day camp at Baylor Park, 65 kids with that program – was a great time.

Baylor Park, this weekend is camping with the stars and the campground is sold out. Over 100 signed up for the program.

Division meeting is planned at Baylor, with different activities.

Beach bash are coming up at Lake Minnewashta and Lake Waconia.

No further questions or comments.

Commission Member Reports: (8:43p.m.)

Jim had a great time at Lake Minnewashta Trail Grand Opening

He was also wondering about removal of ash trees at Lake Minnewashta. Staff response was they are unsure about tree removal at this time. It is something that is in the list of concerns. Staff will continue to evaluate options.

Aasen – LMP trail grand opening nice event and nice turn out.

Ives – Interested in Co. Rd 61 trail connection and excited for that work to be done.

Trick – Nice comments from Public on NYA day camp last week at Baylor

Lynch – Happy with the tour and how Walsh handle the public and their questions and comments about Lake Waconia Park.

Karki – Now that all the pieces are in place at LWP, staff should think about what is/isn't on the final development plans. Think about the Event Center, it's currently not on the plans or what you would like to see for Waconia.

This Friday – 7:00pm wounded warrior's softball team playing local teams, refreshments and music both nights, FREE event!

Next Meeting Date: (8:48p.m.) August 14th, meet at Public Works at 6:30 p.m. for a tour of possible upcoming trail projects. Staff will provide transportation options.

Adjourn Meeting: (8:50p.m.) 8:50p.m. Karki motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.