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Carver County Park Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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

Park Tour 6:30 p.m.

Park Commissioners Assemble in Parking Lot

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Park Commissioners Return from Tour to Picnic Shelter

Agenda

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to Order (7:30 p.m.)
- 2) Roll Call (7:31 p.m.)
- 3) Approval of the June 8th, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:32 p.m.)
- 4) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:33 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of Agenda (7:34 p.m.)
- 6) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:45 p.m.)
- 7) Old Business (7:50 p.m.)
- 8) Open to the Public (7:35 p.m.)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
 - b. 2012 Budget Request
 - i. Budget Narrative
 - ii. Operating Budget
 - iii. CIP
- 9) Staff Reports (8:45 p.m.)
 - a. County Road 10 Dakota Rail Regional trail Connection (Walsh)
 - b. TH 41 Trail and Underpass (Walsh)
 - c. Dakota Rail Regional Trail (Walsh)
 - i. Phase I Construction
 - ii. Phase II Planning
 - d. Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition (Walsh)
 - e. Events, Activities (Klevan Schmitz)
 - f. Goose Management (Walsh, Klevan Schmitz)
- 10) Commission Member Reports (8:55 p.m.)
- 11) Set Next Meeting Date (8:58 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.

Draft
Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2011 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Jerald Moja, Thomas Hermann, Jeff Anderson, Cindy Dobratz

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Lenny Klevan Schmitz

Prior to the official meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Staff took members of the Park Commission on a tour of Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. As part of the tour the park commission visited the dog park, shelter #5, beach area and portions of the planned new paved trail.

Public Present: Steve Gunther, Joe Schneider, Steven Jenks, Denise Schultz

CALL TO ORDER - Moja called the meeting to order at 7:54p.m.

MINUTES - Anderson motioned to approve the May 4th, 2011 minutes. Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

AGENDA- Dobratz motioned to approve the agenda. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Steve Gunther from the Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association presented information about aquatic invasive species and the need for boat inspections on the area lakes. The major concern currently is Zebra Mussels, which are currently known to be in Lake Minnetonka. Several lake associations are looking at ways to pool their resources and provide a single inspection point which can be staffed every day for the entire day. Lotus, Christmas and Minnewashta lake associations are proposing the use of Lake Minnewashta Regional Park for the single inspection point and working with the communities to gate the accesses at Lotus and Christmas. Gunther noted they have meetings scheduled with the local communities and the DNR to see if this is an option. Staff will continue to work with the homeowners to try and find a reasonable approach to boat inspections.

LIAISON REPORT- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Recommendation for K-9 Search Services

Klevan Schmitz presented the following staff recommendation to issue a permit to K-9 Search Services for use of Carver County park facilities for training their animals.

Recommendation

It is recommended to permit the K-9 Search Services organization the use of designated park areas. K-9 Search Services would be issued a permit for designated park areas and they would provide a list of qualified members. The permit would allow for use of designated areas within Baylor Regional Park, Lake Waconia Regional Park and the parcel of land along the Crow River for search and rescue dog training and events during the fall and winter months from November 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 as a trial period. Training activities should be limited to no more than 2 visits to any one facility per month and limit the number of service animals to 2 animals per visit unless prior approval is provided by the Parks Director or designee. K-9 Search Services will provide a schedule for their training exercises identifying the dates, times and park locations they intend to use. This schedule would be incorporated into the permit. Requested changes to that schedule/permit need to be submitted to the Parks Department at least 1 day in advance and approved.

After the trial period, a better understanding will be gained from the training exercises and complications with the activity known. In May of 2012 the permit may be renewed and could be expanded to include Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

By permit, the parks department will be notified in advance of trainings in the parks. A sign will be placed at the entrance to the park facility notifying other users of the activity in the park. Additionally, any qualified handler/trainer needs to pose a copy of the use permit from the Parks Department while training in a park area. Trainers are to wear identifiable coat, vest, shirt or ID Tag of the K-9 Search Services. Dogs need to be identified by wearing appropriate vest and bell.

Denise Schultz from K-9 Search Services was pleased with the recommendation and felt the parameters were reasonable and was happy to know they would have a chance to use our parks.

Anderson made a motion to approve the permit based on the staff recommendation. Dobratz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **2012 Budget – Draft**

Walsh provided a handout of the draft 2012 parks budget and provided some information about areas of significant increase and decrease in the budget. Walsh noted the department had been given the direction to reduce the levee impact of the budget by about 3%.

b. **2012 CIP Request**

Walsh provided an overview of the upcoming CIP needs for the parks department. He spoke about needs for existing infrastructure along with some of the larger park and trail development projects.

c. **Adopt-a-Trail Program**

Klevan Schmitz recapped the memo about the adopt-a-trail program which was part of the agenda packet. Members of the Park Commission felt it was a great idea and should be adopted.

Anderson made a motion to implement the Adopt-A-Trail program along the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. Dobratz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS-

a. Update on the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park/TH 41 Trail and Underpass

Walsh reported that engineering work is nearing completion and the project memorandum is close to being approved. Walsh indicated the review process for the box culvert is very lengthy but still hopes to have the project bid and have the box culvert installed by winter 2011/2012. This is very important because TH 41 will be closed for the culvert installation and next year TH 5 will be closed for a significant portion of the year and TH 41 is likely to be the detour route around the TH 5 closure. Walsh indicated that a state shut down could have a major impact on the review process if not completed by June 30th, which could delay the project.

b. Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Walsh reported that the drainage issues at Goose Lake Drive appears to be settled. The last 2000 feet of trail need to be paved along with a final punch list of items for the Phase I project.

Walsh noted that May 11th was the meeting to kick off planning for phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail from Mayer west to the McLeod County Line. Walsh noted they will be having stakeholders meetings in Mayer and New Germany on June 15th to discuss the depot areas in each community.

c. Union Pacific Railroad/Extension of the Minnesota River Valley Bluffs Regional Trail

Walsh indicated that now that the purchase agreement has been signed by Carver County, Union Pacific needs to sign the agreement and then a closing date will be set for the acquisition.

d. Events and activities:

Klevan Schmitz also mentioned the following programs and activities:

- National GO Day June 11th
- Mutt Strut June 18th
- Summer Day Camps
- Lake Waconia Beach party July 23rd

e. Legislative Update

Walsh reported that nothing is known at this time due to the session ending without a budget.

f. Goose Management

Klevan Schmitz indicated that staff will be meeting with residents from Eagle Lake on June 16th to discuss a goose management plan for Eagle Lake and Baylor Regional Park.

NEXT MEETING – For July 13th at Lake Waconia Regional Park at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN - Hermann made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Motions passes 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.