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Park Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017

6:30 p.m. Tour of Baylor Regional Park

8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Baylor Regional Park, Visitor Center
10775 County Road 33,
Norwood Young America, MN 55397

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (8:00 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the April 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes (8:01 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (8:02 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (8:03 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (8:04 p.m.)
- 6) Open to the Public (8:09 p.m.)
- 7) New Business (8:10 p.m.)
 - a. Draft Park Ordinance Changes
 - b. Request to Recommend Approval of Special Use Permits
- 8) Staff Reports (8:30 p.m.)
 - a. Recreation Service Presentation
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. Park Operations and Recreation Services Update
 - i. Historical Consulting Work – Coney Island
 - ii. County Road 10 Trailhead
 - iii. North Shore Road Erosion/Restricted Access Plan
 - d. TH 5 Regional Trail Update & Public Open House
 - e. Dakota Rail Regional Trail – Installation of Flexible Delineators
 - f. Construction of the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail
 - g. ParkSide Church Easement Request
- 9) Commission Member Reports (9:00 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Tour/Meeting Date (9:05p.m.) – Proposed Date June 14, 2017
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (9:10 p.m.)

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

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2017

Members Present: Carroll Aasen, Curt Kobilarcsik , Ron Trick, Mark Lagergren, Jim Boettcher, Gerald Bruner, Jim Manders and Commissioner Lynch

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Connie Keller

Call to Order: Manders, called the meeting to order at **(6:30p.m.)**

Approval of Minutes: **(6:30p.m.)**
Bruner motioned to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Aasen seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: **(6:30 p.m.)**
None

Approval of Agenda: **(6:30 p.m.)**
Aasen motioned to approve meeting agenda.
Boettcher seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Commissioner Liaison Report: **(7:04p.m.)**
No Comments

Open to the Public: **(6:31 p.m.)**
Laura Campaigne, Susanne Aspley, Laura Williamschen, Danlye Jones all present for the Chemical Application topic

Discussion: **(6:31p.m.)**

A. Chemical Applications

Introductions were made with staff and park commission members and public here for the chemical application discussion item.

Staff reviewed the chemical application for the three parks that was presented at the March 8th park commission meeting to help public in attendance with what chemical applications are being used in the three parks and the time frame of those applications.

Staff turned over the discussion to Ms. Campaigne, Ms. Apsley, Ms. Williamschen and Ms. Jones to present their concerns to the park commission members. Ms. Campaigne stated that they want to start a dialog with the park commission members and staff to hopefully move away from using chemicals in the parks. She stated that they saw staff spraying on the cross country trails and the closed former boat landing that is closed to public. Also stating that they didn't see any signs posted which lead to them coming to Park staff to see what type of products that were used. They stated that they have met with a couple of different people to help them with information with going chemical free in the parks. They stated that they gathered information and provided the park commission with three handouts on potential dangers of weed killers and stated that they wanted to start a dialog on topic.

Ms. Apsley stated they all use the park and would like to see a movement to chemical free to protect the bees, birds and other wildlife. Stated that suppressing weeds also may affect other wildlife and have they wanted to make

sure the park areas are safe for kids, dogs and others. She stated that other countries have banned some off the chemicals that are being used.

Bruner asked if they want to see the parks full of Creeping Charlie, dandelions; discussion was had on the use of the roundup and timeframe of when it's not safe. Bruner stated that he has used product for years and you have to get rid of the invasive species.

Ms. Campaigne asked about what type of invasive plants that we are treating for. Staff stated thistles, purple loosestrife, and wild parsnip, stating that we also use a product on roots on the side of trails, explaining how this product is used on the stumps.

Question was had if we sign when we treat the swimming areas, staff stated that yes we post signs and the product has no restrictions to people and is applied by a professional contractor.

Question was had on budget for chemicals as opposed to mowing; Staff stated that it is small and we do continue to mow. Discussion was had on the number of times that we have sprayed in the time frame that staff has been employed by park and it was stated very few times. Question was asked why we spray the gravel and staff stated to make sure we have a defined parking area.

Discussion was had on pollinator gardens in the parks and maybe something the parks could move to in a longer term, but at this time we don't have the resources to do that.

Discussion was had on the spraying of the trail areas; staff stated that is something we can look at to reduce spraying those areas.

Attendees thanked park commission members.

Questions or Comments:

Ms. Campaigne asked about the how often glyphosate is applied; Staff stated yearly.

Manders ask Ms. Campaigne about the Shorewood and Minneapolis Groups and if they are banning everything; Staff stated that the bee harming chemicals are the ones that are being banned. Discussion was had on banning products and Minneapolis parks. They stated that they believe it will be something that is coming.

Manders asked staff about developing a spray policy; Staff stated that they have done researched on integrated pest management programs and thinks that is a direction that we will go, but this will take some time to get a policy formulated. Staff stated that if they would like to come back to see where we are at with that policy they are more than welcome to attend any meeting.

Manders asked them if they know what the arboretum does with their chemical application process; Group stated that they did not know what their policy is but could find out. Staff also stated that they could contact them and see what they do.

Bruner asked if we get a lot of complaints about the weeds in parks; staff stated we get more complaints of dandelions at Baylor Park than at Lake Minnewashta Park. Staff stated that to develop the integration pest management program will take some time we will have to find something that fits our needs, but is a good idea to be more cautious. Staff stated that there are different policy's for different agencies.

No more questions or comments

B. 2018 – 2022 Draft CIP

Staff shared with park commission members a power point on the 2017-2022 CIP items reviewing items that are in the process of being done and items that are to be done over the next few years.

Staff reviewed the 2017 active projects and pointing out some of those projects like Coney Island Phase II study in starting in May and cleanup after we review the SHIPO report, MN River Bluffs, reimbursement for land acquisition, Cty. Rd. 10 Trailhead, TH 5 RT Master Plan, Const. plans for arboretum trail connection, and list of maintenance items; staff stated on the 2017 list that have been delayed for 2017 is the repurposing of the Caretaker houses at Baylor and Lake Minnewashta Parks and the SW RT Master Plan.

Staff reviewed 2018 CIP , somethings are already in works such as reimbursement for land acquisition; Staff mentioned that we should get some funding back for 2017 funding cycle, construction planning for LWP development plan. A bonding bill has been introduced in 2017 for the development of LWP, LWP trail/MCES sewer project and working with DNR; staff also pointed out items on the list like Baylor Park Master Plan, Regional Trail solicitation, BP visitor center remodel, and maintaining what we have projects.

2019 items are arboretum trail, playground replacement, and Phase I Development of Lake Waconia Regional Park. Staff stated the list was similar to list presented to them last year.

Staff shared the funds that could be brought to the cleaning up of the island and with that cleanup there will be a demand for access to the island.

Staff shared issues opportunities in 2018 with capital bonding request through the Metropolitan Council; staff explained the next funding cycle there will be a new reimbursement process; staff explained this process. Staff also stating they did not know how much the TH5 Trail project would cost, or the Coney Island costs or the phase I water access to Coney Island.

Staff stated on the TH5 Regional trail that the U of M Arboretum requires license agreements. Staff stated they will have to work with arboretum so we don't have to have a license agreement.

Bruner asked what they think of the trail; Staff stated that they are supportive, but they report to board of regents and if they want to have a license agreement then we may have to work through this.

Lagergren Asked what the cost of this would be; Staff stated at this time we don't have a cost.

Staff shared a map of the potential path of trail and the impacts it would have at certain areas of the trail, these impacts will have to be reviewed to see a best route.

Staff shared a map of the Coney Island and considerations for the island, like cleanup, trail development, historical preservation, picnic areas, restrooms, docks & piers and possible playground. Staff stated that we don't have a dollar amount to this. Staff did get a call from Lions Club on wanting to help.

Trick stated he saw an article about the opening of the Island in summer of 2018; Staff stated that we are hopeful to have it open in 2018 not sure if it will happen.

Staff shared a Phase I map of the Lake Waconia Park and what it might look like.

Aasen asked about the cost estimate for phase I; Staff stated that about 10 million

Aasen asked about the cost for the island; Staff stated about 1.1 million without restrooms. Discussion was had on restrooms for the island.

Boettcher asked about the entrance that was presented on master plan; Staff stated we will have to work with DNR and it really is a concept plan to this point.

Staff reviewed the Lake Minnewashta Master Plan and reviewed areas that are not fully developed. Items include concession stand at beach, the removal of the old house and repurposing the old boat access area.

Staff stated that the Baylor Park Master Plan goes back to 1979 – 1980 stating that it does not make sense to update unless we have money to make improvements. Some of the items on list are repairing boardwalk, visitor

center/barn deck, visitor center remodel – make ADA compliant. Adding a splash pad to Baylor is not on the original master plan.

Questions or Comments:

Staff stated that this is an introduction and asked park commission members to think of things they like to see.

Trick stated that he thinks improving the visitor center at Baylor would be nice to have the deck improved.

Aasen asked if we got any quotes; Staff stated yes we did from a couple of local landscaping groups, explaining some of the features that the deck might have. Discussion was had on changing the bathrooms and making thing ADA accessible.

- Lagergren asked about the caretakers houses and are they being used; Staff stated the house at LMP is being used for ski rental and we haven't made a strong investment. At Baylor we have not done anything with the house and questions whether to keep it or remove.

Kobilarcsik asked about trails and if there is a plan for a trail from 101 to powers, he stated that there seems to be a gap; Staff stated that this is not part of county trails. It could be something we add to the comprehensive plan.

Lengthy discussion was had on this trail and other trails around this area, Bluff Creek trail, a potential 101 trail, Pioneer trail, Powers trail and what is the best alignment for some of these trails.

No other Questions or Comments

New Business: (7:44p.m.)

A. Bid Award Recommendation for the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail

Staff shared a map with Park Commission members the project area for the bid that went out for the paving of the trail from Hwy 61 to Bluff Creek Drive. Bids were opened on March 30th, the bid amount came in under the engineering estimate. Staff is recommending that we go forward with this project. Staff shared the cost of the projects and the funds that will be paying for this project. Staff stated that they met with Three Rivers Park District and the Hennepin Regional Railroad Authority and did mention to them if they be interested in a change of scope to pave the parking area, but staff stated there might be some hurdles to this, with participation of funds and other things and staff has left it up to them if they want to participate.

Questions or Comments:

Lagergren asked who would maintain this parking lot; Staff stated that we recommend that they continue to maintain.

Kobilarcsik asked about the crosswalk at the intersection; Staff stated it is an at grade crosswalk with no markings. Kobilarcsik asked if there could be an enhanced crossing; Staff stated that we are doing storm water enhancement and curbing but there is not a good way to do an underpass or overpass.

Manders asked if much enhancement is needed on the trail; Staff stated no the trail is pretty solid base and it mostly just paving.

Discussion was had on changing the scope of project and what to do with the extra federal funds.

Aasen motions to recommend to County Board to award the bid to Chard Tiling and Excavation Inc. and that staff would look at working with Three Rivers on parking lot possibility.

Kobilarcsik seconds the motion

All in favor motion passes 7 to 0

No Other Questions or Comments

Staff Reports:

(7:55 p.m.)

A. Legislative Update

Staff stated that the legacy funding – this has passed out of House and has not passed through the Senate. This would bring funding to Coney Island and Baylor Park as it currently programmed and staff is hoping funds planned for Baylor Park can be moved to the Hwy 5 project.

Bonding bill for Lake Waconia Regional Park has been introduced in House and Senate but will not get a hearing on it. The O & M funding has passed out of House and there is a shift in funding strategy. Staff explained how the O & M is funding through general fund and lottery in lieu of property taxes works.

Overall bonding for the regional parks and trails fund is in the house and senate in the house there is a ten million request and in the senate there is a five million dollar request. This might end up in a conference committee. Different amounts would affect what we would get back in funds.

No Questions or Comments

B. Park Operations and Recreation Services Update

Staff shared that the maple syrup was well attended this year by school groups. The Paddle and Grub club filled up quickly this year. The Earth Day celebration is on April 22nd at Lake Minnewashta Park and also shared that on May 15th there will be a special presentation of what was found on Coney Island at Waconia Historical Society in Waconia.

i. Erosion Control Concepts North Shore Road

Staff shared with park commission members the area of erosion concerns at North Shore Road and also shared different options to deal with this area.

Concept one would consist of fencing to keep people out of the area and using a mat to stabilize the area. One of the questions staff has, will the fence be vandalized because people want to use the area. Staff stated we have received calls because of the no parking signs on North Shore Road

- Aasen asked if any of the fencing on private property; Staff stated yes, some of it is on private property.
- Lynch asked who owns the property; Staff stated it is a limited partnership with local owners. They may not know they own it.

Concept two would be stabilizing the area of erosion and placing bollards, and fence, guard rail for no parking in the area and concept three would show how we could use the area, with small parking area, stairway to lakeshore.

Staff stated that they are scheduled to review these options with County Board in a workshop. Staff stated that we start with minimal investment and see what happens or will it blossom to something larger.

Questions or Comments:

Kobilarcsik asked if we are able to add steps into the lake as shown on concept three; staff stated that we would have to get neighbor, township and county board approval for all this. Also see what water management policy and permits are needed. We will have to have permits just to improve erosion in the area.

Manders stated that with the demand in the area that exploring option number three and see if this would work and what the cost. Discussion was had on all options and the pros and cons.

Kobilarcsik stated that he thinks that if we put riprap on the shoreline that it might not be used by users, and people may move to another area down the shoreline.

No other questions or comments

ii. County Road 10 Trail Head

Staff shared a diagram of the Cty. Rd. 10 trailhead, staff stated that the original diagram presented the cars in parking lot faced Cty. Rd. 10. Staff stated that they asked the consultant to flip the parking direction so the cars overlook the meadow area. Staff is hoping to have this project go out for bid in the next month or so.

iii. AIS 2017 Program

Staff shared with park commission that the AIS program at Lake Minnewashta and Lake Bavaria will stay as in previous year. They will continue to monitor at Lake Minnewashta were treated last year.

iv. Special Event Requests

Staff stated that we are moving forward with the new formal procedures for special events; staff expects that next meeting we will have the fireworks on agenda for approval. Staff also shared some of the other groups on the books this year and dates of these groups.

C. Historical Consulting Work – Coney Island

Staff stated that the Phase II work will start on Island around May 1st as soon as boat is available; Staff also stated that our survey crew has been out to the island and have found all locations of the first phase dig and where they found items and we now have a real good map of the locations where items were found.

D. TH 5 Regional Trail Update & Public Open House

Staff asked Kobilarcsik to update on the TH 5 Regional Trail he stated that the open house seemed lightly attended, but good questions were asked. The North option was liked by people, excited for the arboretum area and the challenges to go through the arboretum.

- Aasen asked about bikes not paying to get into the arboretum; Kobilarcsik explained that there would be a fence along the bike path and that it would cross at the entrance/gate area to arboretum and if you want to go in then you would pay at the gate.

Kobilarcsik stated that there was also a focus group committee meeting this past week and a good discussion on getting people across Hwy 5 with the existing underpass. Feels things are starting to come together.

Staff shared a map of the potential trail alignments, starting at Minnewashta Parkway e with the trail going into arboretum to Life Time Fitness with a underpass at Life Time, also showing trail options from Life Time onto the existing Chanhassen trails to the eastern county line. Discussion was had on the trail alignment keeping in the Hwy 5 corridor and the current underpasses.

Next public open house will be held on May 23rd and will be held at the warming house/ outdoor pavilion area at the Chanhassen Rec Center.

Kobilarcsik stated it is exciting that this project could be out to bid in 2018 or 2019.

E. 2018 Budget Cycle

Staff stated that in June we will have to submit our operation budget and our capital improvement projects will be submitted later to County Board.

F. Dakota Rail Regional Trail – Installation of Flexible Delineators

Staff stated that they have been asked by County Board to take a look at a stronger enhancement at Dakota Regional Trail intersections. Staff shared with the park commission different layouts placing delineators or pavement markings at the intersections to slow bikers down. The four intersections that are being considered for pilot project is North Shore Drive, Goose Lake Auto, Goose Lake Drive and Cty. Rd. 32. Staff stated that we have been working with traffic engineer and sign shop and trying to be compliant with rules with traffic signage.

Questions or Comments:

Manders asked objective; Staff stated that it is to slow bikers down.

Kobilarcsik asked if the trail was built with Federal funds and can you change the trail; Staff stated yes it was built with federal funds and stated as long it is ADA accessibility, new territory for us and we are looking into all this. Also stated, that the federal design standards require a two foot clearance on outer edge.

Aasen asked about the bike trailers for kids; Staff stated that was a good question and didn't take them into consideration.

Manders asked if Three Rivers was doing anything; Staff stated this is all new territory.

Staff shared a video of running over bollards; Staff stated that the flexible delineators are being used on bike trails and roadways.

No Other Comments or Questions

Commission Member Reports: (8:42 p.m.)

Kobilarcsik stated that attended the meetings for the TH 5 Regional Trail

Aasen stated that the Maple Syrup open house was very well attended.

Boettcher stated that he also attended the TH 5 Regional Trail meeting.

Next Meeting Date: (8:43 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on May 10, 2017 at 6:30p.m. Meeting will be held Baylor Regional Park for tour.

Adjourn Meeting: (8:44p.m.)

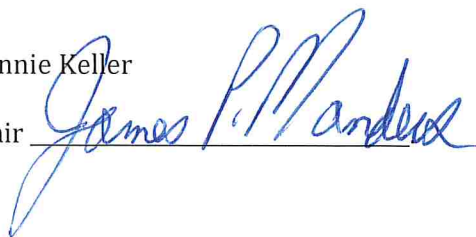
Aasen motioned to adjourn the meeting

Boettcher seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 to 0

Final Minutes prepared by Connie Keller

Approved by Commission Chair

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