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Park Commission Meeting **Wednesday, October 11th, 2017**

6:30pm

Public Works Headquarters Building
Meeting Room 1
11360 Hwy 212
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Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (6:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes (6:31 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (6:32 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (6:33 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (6:34 p.m.)
- 6) Open to the Public (6:38 p.m.)
 - a. Request to Consider Yield Signs at Trail Intersections of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail
- 7) Discussion (6:50)
 - a. Comprehensive Plan Update
- 8) Staff Reports (7:50 p.m.)
 - a. TH 5 Master Plan
 - b. Relocation of Xcel Power Line
 - c. Park Operations and Recreation Services Update
 - d. Update on the Legislative/Bonding Request for Waconia Regional Park
 - e. Update on Veterans Memorial
 - f. Draft Changes to Use Estimates and Funding Formula Inputs for Regional Parks
- 9) Commission Member Reports (8:00 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:05 p.m.) – Proposed Date November 8, 2017
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (8:10 p.m.)

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

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2017

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

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Connie Keller, Sam Pertz

Tour of Coney Island: (5:30p.m.)

Staff shared with park commission members as we went out to the island the information that was provided to the legislators on their tour for the mainland bonding request. Information provided was what will be done with money, what work has already been completed, why invest in Lake Waconia Regional Park, and interesting information about the Lake Waconia Regional Park. Staff stated that they felt the tour with Legislators went well.

Park commission members, Staff toured Coney Island and staff pointed out historical areas and things of interest like the rock retaining walls, rock gardens, and remaining structures that have falling in disrepair. Discussions were had on historical elements of the island how we go about preservation of these items and removal of things that present a hazard.

Re-boarded the boat and conducted rest of meeting.

Call to Order: Manders, called the meeting to order at (6:48p.m.)

Approval of Minutes: (6:48p.m.)
Trick motioned to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes Lagergren seconded the motion.
Motion passed 6 to 0

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: (6:48p.m.)
None

Approval of Agenda: (6:49 p.m.)
Aasen motioned to approve meeting agenda
Bruner seconded the motion.
Motion passed 6 to 0

Commissioner Liaison Report: (5:30p.m. made comments before tour of island)

Commissioner Lynch stated that the bonding tour that was given to the legislators in August went very well. They had a good trip out to the Island and also stated that they are contacting people to hopefully push the bonding bill forward. He is hopefully optimistic that this will happen.

Open to the Public: (6:49 p.m.)
None Present

Staff Reports: (6:49 p.m.)

A. Preliminary Review of Coney Island Phase II Historic and Prehistoric Archaeological Evaluation
Staff shared a portion of the Phase II Historic Evaluation of Coney Island which included a table of the historical features on the island by ranking. The full report has been submitted to State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) which will take about thirty days to get there feedback.
Staff also shared a diagram of map which indicated the locations of test results from digs on the island; the SHPO has asked us to avoid these sites. Staff stated that the plan does avoid a lot of these areas.

Next step will be working with consultant to scoping the project out and preparing a plan to share with the historical people so they know what our plan is; we will also be working with consultant about grading and utility plan for the main park due to the utility work that will be going on next year.

Comments or Questions:

Trick asked if they will have to do more digging on the island; Staff stated that they may be out there when we do our grading work.

No Comments or Questions

B. Th 5 Regional Trail Master Plan

Staff stated that we have asked for some changes to the master plan and the consultant has updated it. We will share those with the City of Chanhassen concerning the alternative trail alignments. Staff will bring back to park commission next month.

No Questions or Comments

C. Relocation of Xcel Power Line

Staff shared the area that the work is being done and stated that new poles have been installed and now Xcel and Mediacom are in the process of relocating these services.

No Questions or Comments

D. Park Operations and Recreation Service Update

Staff shared updates on parks services stating we are past the peak season for the parks and have survived the busy part of the season. Also, stating that we had a good summer season. Staff also stated that we had good recreation service programs this summer, and that the interim programmer worked out well to help fill the void left by departing staff. Staff also shared that they did programming for a very large school group this summer on six Tuesdays this summer and it was very well received by the group.

We had a lot of great applicants for the Recreation Programmer job.

Staff stated that the last large event was held this past week at Baylor Park which was a cross country meet which could possibly attract about 2000 people. The event is a great way to expose potential users to the park.

The campground season is coming to an end. An extra week of services was added so our last night of camping will be October 21st. Staff stated that we have lined up camp hosts for the 2018 season.

Chili Cook-off will be on October 14th if park commission members would like to participate.

No Questions or Comments

E. County Comprehensive Plan Update

Still in public engagement process, consultant will be at the Nickle Dickle Day's in Waconia this weekend and also will be at the trail head in Mayer. Staff stated that the public engagement has been light.

No Questions or Comments

F. Emergency/ Public Phone Service in Park System

Staff shared that we have removed the payphones at the parks, Research was done on what others are doing and most have moved on from the payphones. One park agency uses an emergency button system but they stated they get more prank pushes than emergency calls. The County's insurance provider has no requirements for emergency phones.

No Questions or Comments

G. Update of the Legislative/Bonding Request for Waconia Regional Park

Staff shared the presentation handout that was given to the Legislators when they came out to tour the park and island for the Lake Waconia Regional Park bonding request. Items on the presentation consisted of what the bonding request is, what will be done with money, work that has been completed, why invest in Lake Waconia Regional Park and information about the Lake Waconia Regional Park. Also shared was map of the master plan for the main park area and costs associated with the work.

H. Update of Veterans Memorial

Staff updated that we are in process of formally approving with County Board, we are working through the agreement that both sides are comfortable with. The County Attorney suggested looking at issuing a license for the monument every two years which would automatically renew if there are no issues.

Commission Member Reports: (7:03 p.m.)

Trick asked if there was a plan to pave the red rock roads at Baylor Regional Park; Staff stated we should update the master plan for the park and possible apply for state funds.

Bruner stated that he was privileged to go on the tour with the legislator group and he sensed a real change in attitude for the park.

Randy Luedtke, captain of the boat, commented that he has given tours on Lake Waconia and he stated people are amazed about the stories of Coney Island and the area.

Next Meeting Date: (7:07 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on October 11, 2017 at 6:30p.m. We will meet at the Public Works Building in Cologne.

Adjourn Meeting: (7:11p.m.)

Trick motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Aasen seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5 to 0.

Final Minutes prepared by Connie Keller

Approved by Commission Chair

