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Carver County Park Commission Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 2012

*Public Works Building
11360 Hwy 212, Cologne, MN 55322*

Agenda

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to Order (7:00 p.m.)
- 2) Roll Call (7:01 p.m.)
- 3) Approval of the February 8th, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:02 p.m.)
- 4) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:03 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of Agenda (7:04 p.m.)
- 6) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:05 p.m.)
- 7) Open to the Public (7:10 p.m.)
- 8) New Business (7:15 p.m.)
 - a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - b. Presentation and Request to Construct Building(s) at the Onan Observatory (MAS)
 - c. TH 41 Trail and Underpass Bid Tabulation (Walsh)
 - d. 2012-2013 Goals and Strategies (Walsh)
 - e. Resolution of Support for Equitable Distribution of Parks and Trails Funds (Walsh)
 - f. 2012 Park Tours (Walsh)
- 9) Staff Reports (8:30 p.m.)
 - a. Lake Minnewashta Park Aquatic Invasive Species Program (Klevan Schmitz)
 - b. Dakota Rail Regional Trail Phase II (Walsh)
 - c. TE Application Scoring (Walsh)
 - d. Governor's Fishing Opener (Klevan Schmitz)
 - e. Southwest Regional Trail Connections (Walsh)
 - f. Events and Activities (Klevan Schmitz)
 - g. Legislative Update (Walsh)
- 10) Commission Member Reports (8:50 p.m.)
- 11) Set Next Meeting Date (8:55 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
February 8th, 2012 Regular Meeting

- Members Present:** Jerald Moja, Thomas Hermann, Cindy Dobratz, Myron Karki, Jeff Anderson and Commissioner Tim Lynch
- Staff Present:** Marty Walsh, Lenny Klevan Schmitz
- Public Present:** Tim Kraft, Brian Herridge, Lorie Bryngelson
CALL TO ORDER - Moja called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- MINUTES -** Karki motioned to approve the December 13th, 2011 minutes. Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- AGENDA-** Anderson motioned to approve agenda. Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-** N/A
- LIAISON REPORT-** Commissioner Lynch mentioned that the Carver County Board recently approved to go ahead with AIS inspections at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Lynch also noted that the Carver County Board this past week approved to advertise for bids on Phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lake Minnewashta Regional Park AIS Update

At the January 10, 2012 County Board Workshop Session, Staff presented details for a proposed Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program at Lake Minnewashta Park. The outlined program would begin May 15, 2012 and run for approximately 130 days ending September 19, 2012. Boaters entering Lake Minnewashta through the regional park would be inspected for AIS at Boat Access #1. Hours of inspection would be from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Labor and material cost were estimated to be \$31,000 for the program. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District offered to participate at 50% of the cost of the program. Training for AIS inspectors and Law enforcement would be provided by the DNR at no cost.

At the January 24, 2012 County Board meeting, the County Board authorized the AIS inspection program at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, allocated \$15,500 from the County funds for the program and directed staff to develop a contract with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for financial participation in the program.

Additional, staff has been in contact with representatives of the DNR about inspections to be conducted at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. DNR staff has advised the County that they will be developing a contract which delegates the

authority to inspect boats to AIS inspectors under the employment of a local unit of government.

Work to requisition personnel for AIS inspections is underway with a goal to have inspectors hired and trained by the end of April 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Friends of Lake Bavaria Request for AIS Inspections

Carver County owns and maintains a small public boat access at Lake Bavaria. The Parks Department installs and removes a dock and provides other maintenance services at this public boat access.

Tim Kraft President of the Friends of Lake Bavaria made a short presentation and made a request for AIS funding and services. They are seeking similar consideration as was provided at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park given that the County owns land on this lake. Further it is stated that a second area would help to determine the validity of providing inspection services on area lakes.

If a similar program is considered for Lake Bavaria, an AIS inspection program would run from mid May to mid September approximately 130 days. Inspection service would begin at 5:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. all days of the week weather conditions permitting.

The cost to run a similar program on Lake Bavaria would be approximately \$31,000.

At Lake Minnewashta the County is contributing \$15,500 to be matched with \$15,500 of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Funds for the inspection program.

A similar program for Lake Bavaria may also require matching funds to help with the cost of the program.

Walsh presented several options for the Park Commission to consider in making a recommendation to the County Board.

1. Recommend similar coverage as Lake Minnewashta at a cost of \$31,000 to County.
2. Recommend \$15,500 of County Funds provided that \$15,500 would come from other sources or a dollar for dollar match up to \$15,500
3. Recommend \$15,000 of County Funds and if additional funding can be found adjust the program to meet the level of funding provided by the County and other sources.
4. Recommend that Minnewashta was chosen as a pilot program and other lakes are not being considered at this time.
5. Install signage at Bavaria access directing boats to Lake Minnewashta Regional Park for inspection.

The park commission asked several questions of Mr. Kraft and had a good discussion around the topic of adding a second location to the pilot program.

Staff Recommendation

At this time Staff is recommending option 4. Option 4 is recommended because there has not been analysis of the site to determine how inspections would be handled on such a small site. It could be anticipated that the site constraints would not allow for efficient inspections without causing concerns with vehicles staging for inspections onto Shady Oak Drive. Additional, the Lake Minnewashta inspection program is a 50/50 match to County funds. At this time it is not known if the Friends of Lake Bavaria would be able to financially participate with matching funds for an AIS inspection program.

After the discussion commission Anderson made a motion to recommend option #2 above to the County Board. There was not a second for the motion. Moja made a motion to follow the staff recommendation (option #4) to not add another location to the pilot program. Karki seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Anderson opposed.

b. Year in Review Presentation

Klevan Schmitz made a PowerPoint presentation to the park commission. The presentation recapped the accomplishments of the department from 2011, upcoming projects, grant applications and department activities planned for 2012.

Klevan Schmitz also talked about some of the challenges the department will face in 2012 including the following:

Beach Operations at Baylor Regional Park

Since the early 1990's, a well and containment system for fresh water have struggled to maintain water quality suitable for swimming at the Baylor Park Beach. Eagle Lake which borders the park has poor water quality. Oftentimes by the 4th of July weekend the lake is a pea green color and unsuitable for swimming. The water curtain and well function to improve the water quality by isolating water that is being pumped into swim curtain area from the main body of the lake.

The water curtain is approaching the end of its life expectancy, is in need of significant repair and consideration for inclusion in an upcoming budget. Staff is proposing not to install the water curtain this summer to gage the public demand for swimming at Baylor Park. Sustainability of continuing the beach service is being questioned given that there seems to be only a moderate demand for swimming based on a park survey and beach monitoring over the past few years.

Although the water quality is improved when the well is in operation and curtain installed, it still is not of similar water quality as compared to the beaches at Lake Waconia and Lake Minnewashta. Local swimmers tend to use the Norwood Young America pool or perhaps travel further to lakes of better water quality such as Lake Waconia.

If during the 2012 season public demand would be strong enough to warrant installation of the water curtain. Staff could install the curtain at that time. If on the other hand the service is in low demand. Then staff would propose that the beach area be restored with lakeshore plantings and that the water based activity be focused more towards fishing and watercraft use.

The Park Commission was supportive of the plan to not install the water curtain and explore other potential water access options for the future at Baylor Regional Park.

Pond/Bridge project for Baylor Regional Park

Staff and members of the public have raised concerns about the pond's condition, lack of aesthetic quality and ongoing maintenance concerns. Additionally, the pond has a bridge structure which leads to an island in the middle of the pond. This bridge is in need of repositioning due to movement in the bridge's concrete bases. Maintenance is also needed to remove old paint and prevent further corrosion of the structure.

Staff is considering options which may fill in the pond and reposition the bridge to another location within the park. Before further work is done to consider filling in the pond, staff desires to know what concerns or sentiment the Park Commission has towards maintaining the pond, filling in the pond and or repositioning the bridge to another location in the park campground.

The Park Commission was supportive of the staffs plan to fill in the pond and relocate the bridge. Commission members were happy to see the creative solution staff came up with to solve these problems and also remove the replacement bridge from the parks CIP.

STAFF REPORTS-

a. Dakota Rail Regional Trail

The County Board will authorize bids on February 7, 2012 and that the State would shortly thereafter also authorize bids for the project to be advertised. The tentative bid opening date is the week of March 12th.

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

It is anticipated that the State will authorize advertisement for bid of the project the week of February 6th with a possible bid opening of February 28th.

c. Southwest Regional Trail Connection

Preliminary design has progressed to a point that land needed for the trail has been identified. Staff has begun to meet with property owners to solicit input in

the preliminary design and inform them of the land that would be needed for the trail.

d. Events and Activities

Klevan Schmitz provided the following event updates:

Despite the lack of snow Carver County Parks has offered a variety of winter programs over the past few months including the following:

- One Day Winter Day Camp at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
- Two Candlelight Walks at Baylor Regional Park
- First ever Candlelight Walk at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

The lack of snow has also cancelled a couple classes and programs including the Inaugural Cardboard Sled Races, Snow Shoe and XX-Ski lessons.

Staff is working on planning several new programs for the spring including:

February 20th - Winter Extravaganza - 9am-4pm at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park (grades 4-8)

February 25th - Snowshoeing Class 10am-12pm at Baylor Regional Park

March 17th - Dog Sledding Program 1-4 pm at Baylor Regional Park

March 17th - Onan - Public Star Gazing at Baylor Regional Park 7-10 p.m.

March 23rd - Onan - Messier Marathon at Baylor Regional Park - Dusk

March 24th - Maple Syrup Open House 10 am - Noon at Baylor Regional Park

e. Legislative Update

Walsh noted that the 2012 Governors bonding bill currently only includes about ½ of the past allotment for Regional Parks. If this does not change it will delay the reimbursement to Carver County for past land acquisitions at Lake Waconia Regional Park.

Commissioner Reports

Karki reminded everyone about the 2012 Governors fishing opener which is going to take place on Lake Waconia May 11-13th. Karki also mentioned that if anyone wants to buy a raffle ticket for the 2012 Crestliner boat he would be more than happy to sell you one.

NEXT MEETING – Park Commission next meeting will be March 14th, 2012.

ADJOURN - Karki made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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DIRECTORS REPORT

March 14th, 2012
PARK COMMISSION MEETING

To: Members of the Park Commission
From: Martin Walsh, Parks Director
CC: Lyndon Robjent, County Engineer
Tim Lynch, County Commissioner
Date: 3/9/2012
Re: March 14th, 2012 Park Commission Meeting

Election of Officers

The Election of officers was delayed last month in hopes that vacancies to the Commission would be filled. The Park Commission continues to have two vacancies.

Ordinance No. 19, which establishes the Parks Commission, states that the Commission shall meet during the second month to elect officers. Positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary (Secretary need not be a member of the Commission) are to be opened for nominations.

Recommendation: Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair will be taken. County Park Staff can fill the position of Secretary, as we have done in the past. Voting can proceed by show of hands or by written ballot, whichever the Commission is most comfortable with.

New Business:

A) Presentation and Request to Construct Building(s) at the Onan Observatory

The Minnesota Astronomical Society (MAS) has made a request to the Parks Department to consider adding an additional building to house another telescope and possibly add a classroom in a campus style layout adjacent to the Onan Observatory building.

Recommendation: At the time of this report details on the request and plans have not been provided for a staff report. A recommendation is not provided. The Park Commission may use the opportunity to provide the MAS initial feedback on the request and develop a process for considering adding buildings to the Onan Observatory site.

B) Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and TH 41 Trail Underpass Project

The bid opening date for the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and TH 41 Trail and Underpass Project is March 14, 2012 which is the meeting date of the Park Commission. Staff will present the bid tabulation and review with the Park Commission planned funding. Based on the review of the bids and proposed funding a recommendation could be made to the County Board to award the contract to the apparent low bidder.

Recommendation: Recommend to the County Board that the project be awarded to the apparent low bidder.

C) 2012-2013 Goals and Strategies

For the Commission's review and comment, a listing of 2012 activities, goals and strategies is provided as an attachment to this report.

Recommendation: The Commission could indicate the priority of the activities, goals and strategies to help provide input and direction to staff.

D) Resolution of Support for Equitable Distribution of Parks and Trails Funds

Legislation is being introduced which would further erode Parks and Trails funding to the Metropolitan Regional Park system. The below background information shows a growing disparity of use between the Metro area for park services and use in greater Minnesota. It also points out that funding is disproportionately distributed to outstate Minnesota.

In 2008, voters approved the Legacy Amendment to provide 3/8ths of 1% sales tax for Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water, Parks and Trails and Arts. The amendment was implemented in July of 2009 and will remain in effect for 25 years. Funds collected are to supplement traditional funding sources for parks and trails. The amendment collects approximately \$200,000,000 in sales tax proceeds over the duration of the amendment depending on actual sales tax collection. The allocation to Parks and Trails is 14.25 % of the funds collected. Sixty four percent of this sales tax is generated in the seven-county Twin Cities Metro area by 54 percent of the State's population, with 36 percent generated in Greater Minnesota by 46 percent of the State's population.

The Metro Regional Parks is a 40+ year system with 90 percent of its operations funding generated from local property taxes and fees. There were a documented 40.867 million visits to the Metro Regional Parks System in 2010 with more than 40 percent of those visits by non-local visitors.

An estimated 10 million visits are made to DNR and non-DNR outstate parks and trails annually, or ¼ of Metro regional park visits.

The Fiscal Year 2010/11 Parks & Trails Legacy bill split Metro / DNR / statewide grants as 43 / 43 /14 percent.

Fiscal year 2012/13 Parks & Trails Legacy bill allocates 41 percent to the DNR, / 40 percent to Metro / and 19 percent to outstate in FY 2012 and 38 percent to the DNR / 42 percent to Metro / and 20 percent to outstate in FY 2013.

Estimates of actual legacy dollars spent in the Metro and outstate Minnesota result in 59 percent spending in outstate and 41 percent in the Metro in the 2012-13 biennium.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Park Commission ask the County Board to pass a resolution supporting Metropolitan Regional Park System in their efforts to obtain a more equitable distribution of Parks and Trails funds — distribution that more adequately recognizes population,

where the funds are being collected, where people are recreating today and where it is predicted they will recreate in the future. A draft resolution is attached to this report.

E) 2012 Park Tours

Possible summer tours include the following locations:

- Lake Minnewashta Trail Construction
- Dakota Rail Phase II Construction
- Union Pacific Railroad Corridor
- Carver Park Reserve
- County Park Tour with Board Members
- Southwest Regional Trail Connection
- Other

Tours could begin with the April 11, 2012 meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the commission develop a tour schedule for the month of April, May, June, July and August of 2012.

Staff Reports

A) Lake Minnewashta Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program

Interviews of potential AIS applicants will be conducted the week of March 12, 2012. The DNR has provided a draft agreement to delegate authority for inspections to AIS inspectors hired by the County. The agreement is being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. Staff is responding to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's (MSCD) request for further detail on the AIS inspection program to be conducted in the park. This information will be used for the development of a grant agreement between Carver County and MCWD to fund 50% of the costs for AIS inspections in the park.

B) Dakota Rail Regional Trail Phase II

The County Board did authorize bids on February 7, 2012 for the project. The Project Memorandum was approved by the State on March 7, 2012. Authorization to bid the project is expected within the next two weeks. When the approval is given a 3 week period of advertisement is required. Bids for this project are not expected to be received until mid to the later part of April.

C) Transportation Enhancement Grant Scoring

Carver County applied for two Federal Transportation Enhancement Grants as a part of the 2011 federal grant solicitation. Applications were submitted for the Union Pacific Railroad Corridor, Extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail and for a trail along County Road 10, the County Road 10 Regional Trail, from the Dakota Rail Regional Trail to Waconia Parkway. While funding levels for the transportation enhance program have not yet been determined, the application for a trail on the former Union Pacific Railroad corridor from Athletic Park in Chaska to the City of Carver appears likely to be funded ranking 8th out of 49 applications. The County Road 10 Regional Trail project ranked 30th and appears unlikely to be funded based on past funding levels for Transportation Enhancements.

D) Governor's Fishing Opener (GFO)

In April the Carver County Board will be asked to make the GFO a County function and become a sponsor of the event. Park fees would be waived and Sheriff Office expenses related to the event would be paid from a contingency fund. As a sponsor, the County would receive passes to some events and be provided advertising opportunities throughout the 2012 GFO.

E) Southwest Regional Trail Connections

Appraisal service has been requested for the three identified parcels needed for construction of the trail. A draft Project Memorandum has been prepared. This document has been sent to other agencies for review. A meeting is planned for March 22nd, 2012 with representatives of the City of Victoria, City of Chaska, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Three Rivers Park District, WSB consulting engineer and County Park Staff to review planning work and develop a process for approving the project, and ongoing operations and maintenance of the trail upon its completion.

F) Events and activities:

Staff is working on planning several new programs for the spring including:

- March 24th - Maple Syrup Open House 10 am - Noon at Baylor Regional Park
- April 7th - "Egggs-traordinary" Dogs Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
- April 28th - Onan - Astronomy Day at Baylor Regional Park 2-10 p.m.
- May 5th - Earth Day Park Clean up at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park 10 am- Noon
- May 9th - Parent/Child Archery Class at Baylor Regional Park 6:30-7:30 (4 weeks)
- June 3rd - Full Moon Hike and Star Gazing at Baylor Regional Park 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- June 9th - National Get Outdoors Day and Family Campout at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

Volunteers are always needed and welcome at most of our events. Please let staff know if you are able to assist with an upcoming program or event.

G) Legislative Update

HF 2270 and SF 1732 are companion bills which remove a local match to DNR grants distributed to parks agencies in greater Minnesota. Regional Park implementing agencies oppose these bills. The match provides an important check and balance to insure that projects of the highest caliber of state-wide and regional significance get funding. Without a local match there is no restriction preventing grant applicants from proposing any project regardless if it is or is not of state wide or regional significance. This is contrary to the legacy amendment language for distribution of the funds and would potentially reduce funding for projects which meet the criteria. State Parks and Metropolitan Regional Parks have criteria for determining what is a state and regional significance.

Additionally, the legislature provided funding for a study to determine what is of regional significance in greater Minnesota. This work has just begun. Acting to remove the local match for park systems in greater Minnesota without understanding what is of regional and state-wide significance is premature.

Draft 2012-2013 GOALS, STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES
March

2012
Priority
H,M,L

Status
Progress

Goals/Initiatives
(by functional area)

Next Steps

ADMINISTRATIVE

2013 Budget

2014- 2018 CIP

Budget Preparation
Develop Long-Term CIP Funding Plan

Meet with County Board

Tour Regional Park Areas
Develop Annual Report, Focus
on the importance of Parks and Recreation
ties, to public health, Education,....
Invite Board Members to Events, Activities

** Interaction with Boards and Committees

City Council of Waconia

Update on Progress, Seek Support for
Boat Access

MPOSC Representative

Area Legislators

DNR Officials

City of New Germany

City of Chanhassen

City of Chaska

Introduction, Review System,
Meet and discuss Parks and Trails Funding
Continue to discuss partnering on Boat Access
Ground Breaking Ceremony Phase II DRT
Ground Breaking Ceremony LMP TH 41
Acquisition of Land for SW Regional Trail

Improve asset management with
use of technology

Research Asset Management Programs
Request Budget to Support Software

Improve Customer Service/Park Operations

Addressing and Signage of Park Buildings
Develop New Recreation Programs
Review Staffing Levels and Service Demands
Determine if changes should be made
to work schedules, increase in personnel
What improvements can be made to online
services, voice mails or other self help areas

Develop Goose Management Plan for LWP

2012

Goals/Initiatives

(by functional area)

Priority

H,M,L

Next Steps

Status

Progress

Revise and Update Priority Listing of Parks and Trails Funds From the Constitutional Amendment

Current Projects
Dakota Rail, LMP TH 41 Trail, SW RT Union Pacific Rail Road, County Road 10 Pavement for LMP Road, LWP Playground

Improve Participation and Public Awareness Through Marketing

Use of Social media, list serve Park Commissioners - staff at City Festivals? Continue with Quarterly Newsletter Improve awareness of special events and recreation programs through signage and flyers at regional park entrances and Kiosks

Collaborative Projects

Land and Water Services/ Environmental

Meet -Use of Clean Water, Heritage, Parks @ Trails Funds

Public Health

Participate in SHIP Program

County Wellness Committee

Employee Bike Ride, Fitness activity

Provide Safe and Respectful Park Areas Park Patrol

Continue to Support CSO's Meet Sheriff, Jim Olson, and Commander Blair Anderson review service needs

Improve Access to Parks and Trails

Work to resolve Co . Rd 10 Trail Connection

**Improve Park Funding

Work to position County for Grant Opportunities, P & T, TE grants Attend Legislative and I. A. Meetings Develop Report for County Board, comparison of agency investments

2012

Priority

H,M,L

Status

Progress

Goals/Initiatives
(by functional area)

Next Steps

Develop Resource Information and Potential Measureable Outcomes
Employees per thousand
Dollars expended per thousand
Amount expended per residence

Analyze Past and Recent Survey Data to Determine Level of Support and Opportunity
Analyze and Compare CC. to Other Metro Parks Systems
Parks Systems and Surrounding Counties
Inform County Board of findings

Attract and retain customers

Trail projects, Maintenance, New Park Programs
Advertisment, Press Releases

PLANNING/ACQUISITION/DEVELOPMENT

Development

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
Trail and Box culvert Installation
Dakota Rail Regional Trail Phase II

Construct Trail
Construct Trail

Lake Waconia Regional Park

Memorial Forest
Install Walking Trail
Utilities

Have County Board Autorize Donation Program
As work allows, make minor improvements
Work with City of Waconia on Utility Plan
for East Lake Development

Baylor Park

Storm water/Pond Improvement

Develop plan to fill in pond and replant
Relocate Bridge

Beach

Evaluate beach use and demand for service

Southwest Regional Trail Connection

Appraise Land needed
Work to acquire property
Develop Plans and Specifications

2012

Priority

H,M,L

Status

Progress

Goals/Initiatives

(by functional area)

Next Steps

Land Acquisition

Union Pacific Railroad (Chaska Ind. Lead)

Southwest Regional Trail

County Road 10 Trail Connection

Work to acquire property within Lake

Waconia Regional Park Boundary

Coney Island

Planning

Parks and Trails Applications

Natural Resource Restoration Projects

Master Plan Amendment to Include

Coney Island

Pilot Project for Alternative Development tract

Transportation Fund Grant Application

Prepare Plans for Future Projects

Other

Onan Observatory

Complete agreement with Cities and
MCES and Scott County

Order Appraisal, Work to Negotiate Sale

Propose offer after Eminent Domain

Settlement for Co. Rd 10

Work on Legislative request for funds

Continue Discussion with DNR on Partnering

to acquire the Pauls Parcel

Stay in contact with Owner

Identify project areas, LWP, LMP, BP, Crow

Continue Communication With Private Owner

As opportunity would present itself

Develop future listing of projects

Trail connections -Chaska to Victoria

LMP Road

LMP, BP, LWP restoration - Prairie, Forest

LMP Boat Access

LMP Group Area

LWP Phase 1 Construction Plan

LMP Gate House/ visitor bldg. Relocation

Southwest Regional Trail Connection

Promote Observatory Through Special Events

Consideration for Additional Building(s)

(by functional area) H,M,L Next Steps Progress

Dakota Rail Line Stewardship Program
Management of Leases
Maintenance Program

Convert leases to permits
Continue minor maintenance

Possible Tours
Lake Minnewashta Trail Construction
Dakota Rail Phase II Construction
Union Pacific Railroad Corridor
Carver Park Reserve
County Park Tour with Board Members

Select Possible Tours

Physically Challenged/Older
Continue with improvements

Re grade portions of trails at LMP
Budget Installation of Aggregate Pathways
at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

VOLUNTEERISM INITIATIVES
Volunteer Program Initial Development

Send information out to volunteer
recruitment organization
Adopt A trail Program

Volunteer Opportunities
Arbor Day/Earth day
Buckthorn Removal/Containment

Continue Program
Continue Program

**Draft BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: _____ Resolution No: _____
Motion by Commissioner: _____ Seconded by Commissioner: _____

LEGACY AMENDMENT FUNDING

RESOLUTION FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PARKS AND TRAILS FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy State Constitutional Amendment (Legacy Amendment) to add 3/8 of 1 percent sales tax and dedicate the proceeds to Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water, Parks and Trails, and Arts and Cultural Heritage, was approved by voters in 2008 and began July 1, 2009, for a period of 25 years, to supplement but not supplant traditional sources of funding, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Trails portion of the Legacy Amendment comprises 14.25 percent of the total of funds generated by the Legacy Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Amendment is projected to generate more than \$200 million per year for 25 years, depending on economic conditions, and

WHEREAS, 64 percent of this sales tax is generated in the seven-county Twin Cities Metro area by 54 percent of the State's population, with 36 percent generated in Greater Minnesota by 46 percent of the State's population, and

WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks is a 40+ year system with 90 percent of its operations funding generated from local property taxes and fees, and

WHEREAS, there were a documented 40.867 million visits to the Metro Regional Parks System in 2010 with more than 40 percent of those visits by non-local visitors,

WHEREAS, an estimated 10 million visits are made to DNR and non-DNR outstate parks and trails annually, or 1/4 of Metro regional park visits, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2010/11 Parks & Trails Legacy bill split Metro / DNR / statewide grants as 43 / 43 /14 percent.

WHEREAS, the FY 2012/13 Parks & Trails Legacy bill allocates 41 percent to the DNR, / 40 percent to Metro / and 19 percent to outstate in FY 2012 and 38 percent to the DNR / 42 percent to Metro / and 20 percent to outstate in FY 2013, and

WHEREAS, estimates of actual dollars spent in the Metro and outstate Minnesota result in 59 percent spending in outstate and 41 percent in the Metro in the 2012-13 biennium, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board supports the ten implementing agencies of the Metropolitan Regional Park System in their efforts to obtain a more equitable distribution of Parks and Trails funds — distribution that more adequately recognizes population, where the funds are being collected, where people are recreating today and where it is predicted they will recreate in the future.

YES

ABSENT

NO

STATE OF MINNESOTA
 COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the _____ day of _____, 2012, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Dave Hemze

County Administrator