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Carver County Park Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 11th, 2010

Tour and Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Meet at the Public Work Building, 11360 Hwy 212 West
Cologne, MN 55322**

Agenda

- 1) Depart for tour of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail (6:30 p.m.)
- 2) Return to Public Works (8:15 p.m.)
- 3) Call Regular Meeting to Order (8:16 p.m.)
- 4) Roll Call (8:17 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of the July 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes (8:18 p.m.)
- 6) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (8:19 p.m.)
- 7) Approval of Agenda (8:20 p.m.)
- 8) Commissioner Liaison Report (8:21 p.m.)
- 9) Open to the Public (8:25 p.m.)
- 10) New Business (8:30 p.m.)
 - a. Grant Application for Pavement of Roadway at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park (Walsh)
- 11) Staff Reports (8:35 p.m.)
 - a. TH 41 Trail and Underpass
 - b. Update on the Dakota Rail Regional Trail (Walsh)
 - i. Construction
 - ii. Snowmobile Permit Request
 - c. Events, Activities
- 12) Commission Member Reports (8:45 p.m.)
 - a. Equestrian Sub Committee
- 13) Set Next Meeting Date (8:50 p.m.)
- 14) Adjourn Meeting (8:55 p.m.)

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

Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2010 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Myron Karki, Neil Wingert, Jerald Moja, Thomas Hermann, Gail Von Bargaen

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Lenny Klevan Schmitz

Public Present: N/A

CALL TO ORDER - Wingert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES - Karki motioned to approve the June 2010 minutes. Moja seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

AGENDA- Moja motioned to approve the agenda. Von Bargaen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORT- N/A

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- N/A

TOUR David True, Park Ranger, with the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge took the park commission members on a tour of the Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center which was built in 2008. David talked extensively about their educational programs for school groups and teachers at the facility. David also talked about their mission to protect wildlife over providing recreation.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Request for Snowmobile Permit –Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Walsh provided a recap of the comments sheets from the public open house which was held on June 23rd. Walsh also discussed the meetings scheduled with the local communities and the progress which has been made and what is planned to come in the future.

Walsh also presented several questions which likely will need to be answered or discussed before the Park Commission should make a recommendation this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2010 Budget

Walsh provided a handout of the budget and CIP narrative and the CIP spreadsheet for 2011. Walsh indicated the process for 2011 is a little different from the past with the CIP being submitted first. Walsh also noted he is expecting some operational changes for 2011, but believes it will not affect FT or PT staffing. It was indicated that an increase in staffing has been requested to help with the new Regional Trail.

STAFF REPORTS-

a. TH 41 Underpass and Trail

Walsh indicated that planning continues for this project and that staff and the consultant plan to meet with MNDOT to discuss the project in the near future. Staff continues to field calls from the public about the impacts and plans for the trail.

b. Update on Dakota Rail Trail Kiosk

Klevan Schmitz shared a final drawing of the kiosk/trailhead structure with the park commission and briefly discussed and provided examples of two of the 3 panels planned for the trailhead.

c. Events and Activities

Klevan Schmitz noted some of the recent successful events including the weekend programs at Baylor Regional Park and the July 4th kiddie parade at the campground. It was also noted that the Baylor Regional Park day camp is likely to be cancelled due to lack of registration but the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park day camp is nearly full.

It was also indicated that things went very smoothly on the 4th of July in the parks including the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park fireworks display.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS

a. Equestrian Sub Committee

Karki reported that the Equestrian Subcommittee did not meet in June but plan to try and wrap things up in July.

NEXT MEETING – August 11th, 2010 at the Public Works building in cologne.

ADJOURN - Karki motioned to adjourn. Hermann seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.