

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Thursday, April 21, 2016

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 21, 2016, Chairman Kaiser called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: DuBose, Carlson, Kaiser, Sicheneder and Sutcliffe. Also Present: John Olinger, Lindstrom City Administrator; Mike Robinson, County Commissioner; Park Director Laird Mork; Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner; and Deb Johnson, Meeting Recorder.

Director Carlson offered a motion to approve the Agenda for the Board of Directors meeting, second by Sutcliffe and **carried unanimously**.

Director Carlson offered a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2016 with one revision, first page, correct name spelling to Doepke, second by Sutcliffe and **carried unanimously**.

John Olinger, Lindstrom City Administrator, was present representing the Parks Commission, to review with the Board the proposed development of Water Trails, for canoes and kayaks, in the Chisago Lakes Area. The proposed trail traverses the multiple lakes and public parks within the Chisago Lakes Area. The City has several primitive camp sites at Allemansratt Park. The proposal includes rental kiosks for canoes and kayaks, secured structures for canoes and kayaks to be secured while they visit local restaurants and shops, maps and signage. Discussion was held on the potential for several primitive camp sites at Ki-Chi-Saga Park, available via water only. A Water Trails Summit will be held at the Chisago Lakes Library on May 7, 2016.

Park Director Mork updated the Board on the progress of the Swedish Immigrant Trail East End Project. Construction is approximately 80% complete. Due to MN DOT work on Tern Avenue, the debris site clean-up has been delayed until May 8. A meeting held with City of Taylors Falls, DNR and Park Officials to review the proposed MOU regarding a transition into the State Park. No report given on land acquisition progress. It was the consensus of the Board to keep moving forward on acquisition.

The Board reviewed a request from Scott Purington to operate an ice cream concession unit at Ki-Chi-Saga Park. All required paperwork has been received and the Park Director will process the request. A \$35 per month fee will be collected from the vendor.

Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner, reviewed the updated Comprehensive Plan with the Chisago County Board on April 20th. The plan was unanimously approved as presented

Legislative update provided on the Parks and Trail Council of MN agenda.

Park Director informed the Board that the County will allow credit card payments for shelter reservations. Use of credit cards for parking fees at Fish Lake will not be available due to lack of WIFI.

Currently collections at Fish Lake Park are deposited at Lake Area Bank in Harris. This branch will be closing June 2016. Park Director Mork met with the County Treasurer to explore options, from a drop box at the Sheriff's facility in Harris to a new account setup at another bank. Mork was instructed to research how other counties handle park fee deposits.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016.

On motion by Sutcliffe, second by Carlson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.

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Dan Kaiser, Chair

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Laird Mork, Park Director