

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Thursday, September 22, 2016

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, September, 2016, Chairman Kaiser called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: Carlson, Kaiser, Sicheneder, Sutcliffe, DuBose (3:14pm) Absent: none. Also present: Mike Robinson, County Commissioner, Kurt Schneider, Environmental Services/Zoning Director; John Olinger, Lindstrom City Administrator; Park Director Laird Mork, and Meeting Recorder Deb Johnson.

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

Director Carlson offered a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016 with two corrections, page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> line correct name to Tony Buettner; 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change street name to Glader. Second by Director Sicheneder and **carried unanimously**.

The Strand/Johnson parcel potential for acquisition was discussed. County Board approved submitting an application to Trust for Public Lands for funding for acquisition, contingent upon road access to the parcels. Award date should be late November 2016. If acquired, parcel will be open for hunting and discussion followed regarding limiting the types of firearms allowed.

John Olinger, Lindstrom City Administrator, was present to request water trail carry in access and primitive campsites within Ki-Chi-Saga Park. Opportunities exist for South Center Lake access and Linn Lake access. Option A involves approximately 100 yards clearing, porta potty rental for a few months, and an additional 20 minutes of grass mowing for maintenance. Option B involved an access off Glader, which would be close to the road. Polaris Corporation has offered volunteer labor to assist with these projects during United Way Week, first week in October. The Park Director will review with the City of Lindstrom their campground policies.

Director DuBose offered a motion to approve the request for development of trails/clearing from South Center Lake to KiChiSaga and KiChiSaga ski trail to Linn Lake. Second by Director Carlson and **carried unanimously**.

Director DuBose offered a motion to authorize one primitive camping site at Linn Lake and/or South Center Lake access and porta potty at the pavilion. Second by Director Carlson and **carried unanimously**.

Park Director presented a proposal from an adjacent landowner interested in selling a 40 acre parcel directly adjacent of CheckerBoard Park. The property was identified in the park

comprehensive plan. This parcel has a permanent easement for access through existing park land. Several funding options were explored.

Director Carlson offered a motion to authorize the Park Director to pursue funding for acquisition, without a requirement for county match funding. Second by Director Sicheneder and **carried unanimously.**

An update was given on the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, East End Project. The meeting planned with the MN DRN Parks and Trails staff has been postponed to September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am, City Hall in Taylors Falls. The project celebration ceremony is planned for Tuesday, September 27. The State has installed a small fence at the end of the trail at their property line, and has cleared a walking path to the overlook. The Parks Department plans to install a bike rack, benches and table at the trails end.

Kurt Schneider, Environmental Services/Zoning Director, presented an update on land acquisition of the parcels necessary for the completion of the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail east and west ends. The grant has been awarded for completion of Segment F the connection project. Many documents will need to be processed before the contract is signed.

Discussion held on Park Reserve, located in Sunrise Township, land trapping policy. Currently hunting is allowed, on a limited basis. It was the consensus of the Board to allow registration for trapping, and to follow DNR regulations on the park reserve property.

Director Carlson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:22pm. Motion seconded by Director Sutcliffe and **carried unanimously.**

Next scheduled meetings:

October 20, 2016 -- Director DuBose unavailable

November 17, 2016 ( Park Director unavailable)

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Dan Kaiser, Chair

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Laird Mork  
Parks Director