

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Thursday, January 18, 2018

At 2:57 pm, Thursday, January 18, 2018, Director Carlson called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: DuBose, Carlson, and Storm. Absent: Kaiser, and Sicheneder. Also present: Mike Robinson, County Commissioner; Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner; Laird Mork, Park Director; and Meeting Recorder Deb Johnson.

Director Storm offered a motion to nominate Gregg Carlson for Chair. Second by Director DuBose and **carried unanimously**.

Director Carlson offered a motion to nominate Chris DuBose for Vice Chair. Second by Director Storm and **carried unanimously**.

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

Director DuBose offered a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017 with two corrections: third paragraph -change second to DuBose; sixth paragraph -add need to follow up with DNR and local experts. Second by Director Storm and **carried unanimously**.

Frank Storm has been appointed by the County Board to fill the remaining year of the District 5 term following Director Sutcliffe's resignation. He sits on several boards, and has been on the Wyoming Park Board in the past.

Jeff Fuge, Scout Troup 159, was present to review a conservation project proposal for Ki-Chi-Saga Park. The troop members would build & install bluebird houses in 2018, monitor nest activity, and perform fall clean-out of the houses. The bird houses would be placed outside the recreational areas, along the exterior of the park and along the walking trails. **Director DuBose offered a motion** to approve installation of the bird houses consistent with the proposal. Second by Director Storm and **carried unanimously**.

Park Director Mork reviewed with the Board the mission and vision statements for the Parks. Reviewed the five county parks and two trails and discussion was held on the future direction. With a few exceptions, park structures have been in place since the beginning of each park in the system. A presentation was viewed of Chisago County's facilities and Washington County Park facilities to provide contrast between 20th and 21st century standards. No action taken.

Discussion was held on a 40 acre parcel which has been available for sale by a willing landowner adjacent to Checkerboard Park. Park Director Mork shared information that the parcel boundary butts up to the north edge of the ponds and county park hiking trail and carries an easement across the county park land. The parcel is identified for addition in the Comprehensive Park Plan to be added to the Park Boundary. **Discussion was tabled until** members have an opportunity to tour the property.

Progress report given and timeline reviewed on the connection project Segment F of the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail. Bid documents are being finalized. Project scheduled to begin spring, with completion in the fall of 2018. Due to costs relating to this section, additional funds may be required to complete. Discussion held on additional grant opportunities for funding. **Director DuBose offered a motion** to recommend applying for a second grant for additional funds. Second by Director Storm and **motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion was held on the potential donation of property along the Sunrise River. Park Director Mork, Director DuBose and Director Sicheneder walked the approximately 20 acres within several parcel. There are no structures on the property. **Director DuBose offered a motion** to pursue acquisition of property via donation and directed Park Director to get written clarification, after which County Board action would be pursued. Second by Director Storm and **motion carried unanimously.**

Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner, was present for discussion on the proposed master plan in progress for Fish Lake Park. Reviewed vision and potential features to be included in the plan. Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

Park Director Mork informed the Board that he will be out during the week of the next scheduled meeting on February 15th. A determination will be made to either cancel the February meeting or move it to February 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.

Gregg Carlson, Chair

Attest:

Laird Mork
Parks Director