

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Thursday, March 15, 2018

At 3:01 pm, Thursday, March 15, 2018, Chairman Carlson called the meeting of the Chisago County Park Board of Directors with the following members present: DuBose, Carlson, Kaiser, Sicheneder and Storm. Absent: none. Also present: Laird Mork, Park Director; Mike Robinson, County Commissioner; Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner; and Meeting Recorder Deb Johnson.

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

Director Kaiser offered a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018. Second by Director DuBose and **carried unanimously**.

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail progress report. Six bids for the Connection Project segment F were received. Bid award has not been determined, until base and alternate bids can be reviewed.

Funding for the Interstate Park project is currently included in the Bill/recommendation from LCCMR. There has reportedly been disappointment noted by Interstate Park guests regarding the termination of the trail at the state park property boundary.

Discussion was held on next steps to complete the trail to Center City and from Chisago City to Wyoming. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to move towards trail completion up to Center City. Regarding the west end, Park board directors note past practice of recognizing areas within City jurisdiction and feel it will be important that Chisago City and Wyoming become involved with completion of the west portion which lies within the city boundaries.

Correspondence has been received, stating interest to donate to the county, parcels in Sunrise Township for preservation. The Park Director will meet with the Sunrise Township Board to review the idea and hear feedback from the township board. Discussion held with timing the donation to reduce property taxes due for the owner. Following input from the township and assuming concurrence, the park board plans to request County Board accept this donation and add the parcel with Sunrise River access as a Chisago County Park Reserve parcel with the appropriate conservation easement reflected.

Sunrise Prairie Trail inspection report was provided. It is evident that stud damage has marred the newly paved surface to some degree and snowmobile grooming is still an issue on the south half of the trail. Complaints regarding trail condition and lack of regular grooming were

an issue on the south end. Additionally, damage was documented on the south end. The north end had been well groomed and less damage was documented. The Park Director will consult with the clubs regarding the lack of grooming and damage to the trail.

Ken Roberts, Chisago County Planner, was present to review a draft of the first section of the Fish Lake Park Master Plan. Ken noted we will plan to review an additional section at the next meeting. Discussion followed, no action taken.

The Park Director reviewed a complaint regarding incorrect map placement of Kost Dam Park on a Google site. These sites were generated by others, and are not controlled by the Park Department. Director Mork is looking into correction of the issue. No action taken

The Board reviewed a request received from disabled Veterans, asking for free parking for all veterans to the Fish Lake Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The County Attorney's office is reviewing the request. The intent of the parking fee is to support park staffing and control the number of people in the park to a safe and manageable number on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Park Board is waiting to hear from the Attorney regarding laws related to the request.

Director DuBose reviewed with the Board information received from Logan Hawley, who does regional planning, wetland banks, etc, and has worked with other counties. He will bring further information for discussion at the April meeting.

Director Kaiser offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm. Second by Director Sicheneder and **carried unanimously**.

Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2018.

Jill Sicheneder, Chair

Attest:

Laird Mork
Parks Director