

**Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27th, 2015**

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari (C), Larry Knutson, Lonnie Neuner, Hank Ludtke, Steve Lindow

Staff Present: Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: N/A

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
 - November 20th, 2014 Meeting Minutes provided – no quorum
2. Open Forum: No one spoke at open forum
3. Shell Lake Block Discussion: Three representatives from the Shell Lake Township Board were in attendance to discuss their thoughts on next steps/process associated with exploring recreational opportunities in the Shell Lake Block. Mulari and Knutson both noted that nothing had been decided regarding recreation use within the Shell Lake Block and that they were interested in what Shell Lake residents and adjacent property owners felt about future recreational uses in relation to the Shell Lake Block now that access to the SLB had been provided by the County.

Some discussion ensued from SLT representatives about recreational opportunities/issues. Topics included snowmobiling/trail, hiking, ccx-skiing, hunting, non-motorized recreation, forestry/timber management, parking spot (1/2 mile in off of shell lake road) and wildlife. Discussion segued to setting up a forum for Shell Lake Block residents to discuss recreational opportunities in relation to the SLB. A potential timeline focused on late April or mid-May (with a preference given for the discussion to be had on the first or third Tuesday in May. The County would help facilitate discussion.

4. FYI's – Staff updates:
 - Parks and Legacy Grant Program (Mt. View Recreation Area Grant Application did not received funding).
 - Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission: Application for Regional Designation – BC Heartland Trail Extension (Evaluation concluded that the application had been characterized as needing further study “due to the complex nature of the proposals featuring state-designated trails as their primary feature”).
 - Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission: Application for Mt. View Park (application was given a “medium” ranking in this the first application cycle)
 - Trail Connections Project for Mt. View, Detroit Mt., Heartland Trail, and Dunton Locks in conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS). Looking to meet with NPS representative (Randy Thoreson) to discuss issues relative to NPS helping to facilitate discussion with stakeholder group to ID objectives and next steps. Potential April meeting.
 - Working with Lake Park to set up meeting with representatives from Buffalo Red River Watershed, Lake Park, and BC SWCD to discuss Lake Flora Restoration options.
5. Other issues:
 - Matt Davis had mentioned commenting on the DNR Plan being developed for Parks and Trails but per check at meeting, comment period deadline had passed. MN Draft System Plan link below: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/strategic_plan/system_plan.html
6. Next RAC meeting: TBD (Spring; prep for SLB discussion meeting with Shell Lake Township)