

Recreational Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

8.23.2016

County Bd. Rm - Courthouse

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari, Hank Ludke, Del Berseth, Larry Knutson, Ben Grimsley

Staff Present: Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Tom Holmes, Blake Larson, Dave Larson

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of July MM; Del motion, Hank 2nd, motion carried
- 3) Approval of August Agenda, Del motion, Hank 2nd, motion carried
- 4) Open Forum – none
- 5) Mt. View Update – cooperative agreement passed by County Bd. and City of Detroit Lakes for making improvements to DMRA and Mt. View. As part of this years funding request to the GMRPTC money is being requested for creating ¾ mile connecting trail from DMRA to Dunton Locks.
- 6) Dunton Locks Update – fishing pier almost complete, trail resurface project by bowling alley still in the requesting quotes stage, brush/tree trimming along this stretch for Beardsley marathon to be run on Sept. 10th will be done. Request for dog disposal station with bags, staff contacted MedPac seeking diagram/concept drawing of canoe/kayak access – they are busy and that is why a drawing has not been forthcoming.
- 7) Shell Lake Block – staff and Tom went out to SLB and walked main path; snow fencing strung across opening to prevent motorized recreation. Comment - perhaps we should be looking at a gate. Discussion with group about potential vision statement. Looked at recreational uses to help with vision statement development. Signage, parking, road leading into park may need to be made bigger to provide access, vault toilet, primitive camping possible camping is better by a lake. Keep project simple, not a huge trail system.
- 8) County Lake Accesses: assignment to members to visit various lake accesses of their choosing and assess recreational needs.
 - Big Sugarbush – good signage, adequate parking, garbage barrel – pretty decent
 - Net Lake – some erosion washing into lake, some use, no camping, no bathroom facilities, safety a consideration.
 - WE Lake – erosion/muddy access; safety a concern.

- Wolf Lake – nice access, children playing, water level high, two docks, porta potty, adequate parking. Look at resetting launch planks per high water.
- Elbow Lake – good condition – no trash cans, picnic tables, fire ring
- Big Rat – simple access for hunting.
- So. Twin – more winter access, small fishing boats- erosion problem.
- Blueberry – nice access – steep access down to the lake, lots of use, rd. improvements and dock, no picnic tables
- Knutson Lake (Clausen Memorial Park) – 56 surface acres – not really lake access more for canoe/kayak, fire ring, no campground.
- Shipman (24 acre access area)– no facilities, old fire ring, flat pine, potential for camping.
- Height of Land – dock is needed.
- Eunice – zebra mussel infested, no trash can, picnic table – no parking
- Big Sugarbush – dock
- Wayside rest – Hwy 34 Old Mill Rd. by Osage and across from Navillus Rd. in the Smoky Hills. Lots of use – mostly parking area with picnic table and vault toilet which is not ADA compliant.
- Bass Lake/Chilton Park (143 acres) – very nice access, tree stump removal (#11), fire ring and picnic table needed, vault toilet (ADA), trail where old 39 was; look at campground opportunity, north entrance to property.

Other considerations with camping – look at distance of proposed new camping spots with existing commercial campgrounds (1,000-1,500?).

9) Next RAC meeting September 21st.