

Recreational Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

2-2-2017

1st Flr. BoardRoom - Courthouse

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari, Hank Ludtke, Del Bergseth, Larry Knutson, Ben Grimsley, Katherine Warren

Staff Present: Guy Fischer, Dan McLaughlin

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Tom Holmes, Randy Thoreson, Willis Mattison, Patrick Hollister, Matthew Davis

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of August MM; Hank motion, Del 2nd, motion carried
- 3) Approval of October Agenda; Hank motion, Del 2nd, motion carried
- 4) Open Forum – N/A
- 5) Shell Lake Block: Take a ways per meeting with Township – some comments to sell property quieted down after meeting minutes of public meeting with folks regarding Shell Lake Block from May 2015 were read. Not an impossibility to sell, but not suggesting a lot of improvements to public land which can be accessed as there are people who use it. Is it an attraction? Access only recently provided, lots of potential as compared to some other areas in the county and with a little work could turn into a very nice place to visit/recreate. Very beautiful and pristine area. Interest in determining issues related to the School land parcel which the main trunk trail runs through. Also adjacent DNR parcels. Interest in holding public meeting to discuss Phased approach to provide access and recreation development. Review of Maps 1-3 depicting phased approach – some minor changes suggested. Look at County wide survey seeking input prior to meeting (use survey monkey). Also should look at gpsing existing trails sooner while the leaves are off the trees and the trail can be accessed via snowmobile/other means. Look at public meeting in late May. Master plan development will lead to grant opportunities.
- 6) Lake Access Improvements:
 - Knutson/Clausen Park: opportunity for camping - can't this already happen here – or does it require approval if it's a park. Discussed and recommended improvements: picnic table, fire ring/grill (make sure this is vandal proof), tree stump removal, portable satellite – staff to prioritize suggested placement of satellites.
 - Shipman Lake Access: picnic table, fire ring, potential for camping, portable satellite – staff to prioritize suggested placement of satellites

- Blueberry Lake Access: fire ring, picnic table, short dock, regrading of outbound loop access road section by lake, tree stump removal; portable satellite – staff to prioritize suggested placement of satellites,. There were comments that this was a highly used access and that a satellite might be called for. In turn this led to some initial discussion about putting the satellites out for bid, some aggregate costs of existing satellites, benefits of determining use patterns at facilities, etc.,
- Bijou: Mandy Erickson comments were mentioned regarding proposed improvements – RAC agreed: no picnic table or fire pit. Remove old dock. No replacement of dock being considered at this time.
- South Twin: Property issues, before considering improvements conduct survey – get estimates.
- Middle Cormorant – should a raft be considered at this access per the existing dock and access area. Liability issues also;
- Juggler Lake: signage (no overnight parking/camping – no room for it), access road repair.
- Chilton Park/Bass Lake Access; add picnic tables (2), portable fire ring, satellite toilet, and stump removal; opportunity for trails/camping development.
- County rest area: replace current vault toilet with ADA accessible vault toilet.

Staff to revamp preliminary cost estimates based on discussion.

- 7) Mt. View: review of draft proposals for hybrid planning/design workshop. IMBA proposal and 2 proposals from Progressive Trail design. In reviewing the various proposals questions about who would pay for the workshop were discussed. Some elements could be done via LAMBAT which has expressed an interest in providing volunteers to maintain existing mt. bike trails and build new trails at significant costs savings to County and could be leveraged against future grant requests for trail and facility development at Mt. View via the Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Commission. LAMBAT members could also flag routes and one member has offered his expertise in developing a map depicting these trails at Mt. View through ARCVIEW if he could utilize the County's ARCVIEW system. The existing map is outdated. Some concerns about paying for the workshop. A LAMBAT member suggested that workshops usually are paid for by those attending. A commissioner expressed concern about more mt. bike trail development at Mt. View (approx. 1.5 miles of additional trail development). A commissioner supported more mt. bike trail development at Mt. View. More discussion needed.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.