

## Recreational Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2017

### Middle Cormorant Beach

4:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Karen Mulari, Hank Ludtke, Del Bergseth, Larry Knutson, Ben Grimsley, Dennis Hopman, Lonnie Neuner

**Staff Present:** Guy Fischer, Marsh Watland, Peter Mead, James Olson

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Karen Nitzkowski, Randall Thoreson

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of June MM; Hank motion, Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- 3) Approval of June Agenda; Dennis motion, Hank 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- 4) Open Forum – No speakers
- 5) Marsh Watland – proposal for shoreline improvements for Middle Cormorant Beach Area:  
Develop 3 distinct beach areas (desire of the RAC to look at making beach areas bigger)
  - 16' x 8' south beach area,
  - 50'x 14' main/middle beach area,
  - 25' x 12' north beach areaTo prevent erosion
  - General tapering of beach back up beyond current driveway via adding soil, matting/core log 10'-16' wide, seeding, and flowers.
  - Consider angle parking - eliminate current driveway that cuts through the middle of property so that people do not have to cross the driveway to get to the beach.

#### Parking Options/Suggestions to Explore/Review

- Drive up curb (people would come off 5 and park in the grass – facing the lake;
- Expand shoulder (4') inward to provide more line of site for cars backing up onto Co. 5.
- Provide bumpers (large logs spaced accordingly); and or provide split rail fence to delineate parking from shore land/beach area.
- Remove existing rest room that is non ADA compliant; consider providing new ADA compliant vault toilet and reposition south and west along hedgerow of new property.
- Remove concrete slab next to vault toilet

#### Recommended Facility Improvements:

- New ADA compliant vault toilet
- Picnic tables (2)
- Picnic Shelter (12' x 18') (some concerns expressed about size and utilization in relation to providing enough parking for others to enjoy the beach, etc.); seeking help for funding shelter from Sportsman's club, Cormorant Lions club, other
- Grill
- Fishing Pier
- Concrete sidewalk connecting picnic shelter, restroom and fishing pier

### **Next Steps/Approval Process**

Soil and Water to provide a visual for review by RAC members ASAP so they can make a recommendation. More staff conversations about developing parking option. There is a tight timeline for getting the project approved through the Board and Soil and Water's Board by August 16 as the intent is to begin the project this fall.

- 6) Becker County Energize initiative to develop a website map of various recreational trails and facilities in the County. The map will help increase awareness of available services, programs, and events in Becker County.
  - Could link in from County website; will need to provide resources to plug into map; can provide standardization of recreational trail and facility information. Some concerns expressed about potential private sector inclusion, but not sure of what might be included – something to mention to the Energize Group. Initial cost estimate of \$2,000 could escalate depending on scope of project. Essentia putting up initial funds as it would be part of their website; ongoing events etc., would be included.
- 7) Osage Rest Area – vandalism of restroom; RAC requested that the restroom be cleaned and reopened in conjunction with surveillance from the Sheriff's office.
- 8) National Park Service (NPS)– Randy will be able to help for another year. Looking at retirement.
- 9) Shell Lake Block – working on parking lot area – will seek quotes for work this Fall
- 10) Chilton Park –Lakes Area Mountain Bike Alliance and Trails group requested map showing land ownership. LAMBAT is working with horseback riding enthusiasts to explore trail/facilities development in this area. Will re-connect on related map needs once LAMBAT has met to discuss. Potential help from NPS to look at mapping trails.
- 11) Meeting adjourned. (5:30 p.m.)