



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting

August 6, (Thursday), 2020

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

AGENDA

1. Chair Welcome & Introductions
2. June Meeting Minutes: Review/Approval
3. Heartland Trail/Connecting Trails Update – Guy/Jim
 - Bonding Request: \$2M in bonding bill (DL/Frazees segment): needs legislative approval
 - DL to Frazees Segment: Acorn Lake and Acorn Lake to Underpass construction underway
 - Mountain Link Trail Project (Connecting Trail)
 - Phase I : Underpass to Co. Hwy 54 (2020)
 - Phase IV: Mt. View to Detroit Mountain: Work with City to request GMRPTC funding; routing study/preliminary estimate has been completed; anticipate need for preliminary design and engineering (outreach inclusion of applicable Townships) work to shore up estimate/route for connecting Mt. View to Detroit Mountain. (2021-2022).
 - Dunton Locks Trail/Fish Eye Trail (Heartland Trail segment):
 - Underpass and trail segment by Bowling Alley to Co. 22: Seeking to proceed with preliminary design and engineering for connecting the underpass and trail segment by bowling alley to Co. 22. (2021-2022)
 - Heartland Trail Segment in Detroit Lakes (Co. 22): Legion Rd. to County 6 (2021)
 - Explore Southern route of Heartland Trail towards Shoreham
4. Dunton Locks Update – Dan/Guy
 - Dry Dock Project Status - Completed
 - Septic System Assessed: good for another 10-15 years.
 - VFW Shelter: Seeking to proceed with improvements to kitchen, bathrooms and shelter structure this year per CARES funding availability; preliminary rough estimate is that 25% of improvements could be eligible under CARES. (est. improvement cost is \$40,000)
5. Disbursed Camping Update – Dan

6. Wannigan Park Update – Hank Ludtke/Guy/Dan/Marsha

- Site Acquisition: Application assistance form was submitted to Lands and Trails; subsequent discussion per their review (requesting \$836,000 to purchase land).
- Archeological Survey - resubmittal
- Site Assessment – sensitive areas identification needed.
- Master Plan (Timeline: Submit to GMRPTC by December 2020)

A. Survey available: https://frazeecity.com/process.php?option=com_news&task=detail&id=21

This is the Frazee announcement link for getting you to the survey; note the you tube video above the “take survey” button. Please take a moment to respond and participate in the survey.

- B. Park Ownership - who owns the park? Frazee would own the park. Presume Frazee will pay for infrastructure improvements and utilities to park.
- C. Mapping: GIS Base Map being developed by County. NPS to begin coordinating with County IT/GIS.
- D. Draft Master Plan Sections: ready for review by mid-October.
- E. Details and Siting of Park Elements – ongoing discussions.
- F. NDSU scope of services under review
- G. Management Options Being Explored: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is probably the most flexible agreement being considered. Various elements to be discussed between Frazee, Becker County, FFA (Frazee School District).
 - Nature Based Education/Events - Frazee and School District Discussions (FFA – Future Farmers of America interest/coordination)
 - Maintenance Agreement: park grounds, trails, facilities, access/parking areas and campsites.

7. Open Forum/Other Issues

8. Adjournment



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RAC Meeting Minutes

June 4th 2020

County Board Room

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Guy Fischer, Dan McLaughlin

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Lin Peterson

9. Chair Welcome & Introductions - Mulari

10. February Meeting Minutes: Review/Approval

- Motion by Mulari to approve Mtg. Minutes; 2nd by Bergseth, roll call taken (3 ayes); motion carried.

11. Agenda: Motion by Ludtke to approve agenda; 2nd by Mulari, roll call taken (3 ayes); motion carried.

12. Heartland Trail Update:

- Detroit Lakes to Frazee Segment
 - Acorn Lake – June construction (late summer/early fall completion)
 - Acorn Lake to Underpass: July 15th construction
- Mountain Link Trail Project:
 - Anticipate fall construction; one easement left to get; T intersection and approach changes (at underpass) to reduce slope to 5% still being reviewed by MNDOT. Because the trail is within their ROW they require a 5% slope.

13. Dunton Locks Update

- VFW Shelter: look at white washing for walls in Bathrooms; Look at pitched roof in commons area (Grimsley); initial assessment/inspection regarding septic will provide more information about what needs to be done to address issues. Other opportunities for making improvements at Dunton Locks – look at adding shelter over concrete pad/picnic area by Tram; interest in getting Commissioners to visit.

- Dry Dock Project Status: contract is in process of being signed by contractor (it had been reviewed prior by Co. Attorney's office); contract could not be signed before Army Corp Permit was approved for the project (late February). Bridge was ordered and delivered on Wednesday. Anticipate project start in a couple of weeks.

14. Wannigan Park

- Ongoing process of developing a master plan; Park ownership was discussed; Frazee interested in owning the Park wondered about County assistance with maintenance; more information on camping and related fees are needed and would help determine revenue stream that could be used for future ongoing park operations and maintenance projections. A reservation system could be helpful. Staff suggests that NPS provide some assistance with the field assessment – sounds like they have someone on staff who can assist.
- Eagle Lake Park (Ludtke) – Frazee is interested in reconfiguring its access and improving access to the shoreline (shoreline restoration) to simplify and improve park use. Wondered if the County can help or what that assistance might look like.

15. X-C skiing; DL Nordic Ski Club has 501cs status; electronic mapping efforts continue (East Frazee and 5 Lakes). Have purchased a groomer (\$2,000 in checking; \$1,000 donation from Breakfast Rotary). Lin Peterson (DL Ski Club) will contact appropriate landowners that have authority over their trails to determine assistance or help with paying for and installing signs & Kiosk.

16. Disbursed camping – discussion about suggested sites, what the sites would look like/be maintained (minimal). Interest in coming up with a list.

17. Open Forum/Other Issues – None

18. Adjournment







RAC Meeting – Nordic Trail Update

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DL Nordic Ski Club – Fund Raising Status \$11,200 YTD

Funding Requests and Status - Target of \$30,000			
Date: 7/28/20			
Funding Source	Fund Requested	Funds \$ Awarded	Comments
DNR: No Child Left Inside Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Program is postponed due to State budget constraints
Team Industries; local manufacturer	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	Covid related slow-down has impacted donations
Breakfast Rotary	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	We were disappointed
Noon Rotary	\$5,000.00	In-Process	Presentation is Thur., Aug. 13th to the group
DL Community Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	To be used for Capital Expenditures only
Kiwanis Clubs	\$5,000.00	In-Process	Can be used for Youth Ski Equipment only
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Program postponed until 2021
Becker County	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	County reimbursed us for volunteer grooming hours
Statewide Health Improvement Partnership	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	No funds available until 2021 - need to re-apply then
Blandin Foundation - Quickstart Grant	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Blandin only grants funds to Grand Rapids, MN surrounding County - disappointing
BTD Mfg; local manufacturer	\$5,000.00	In-Process	Tough year for them, not sure we will be given any \$\$
Otto Bremer Foundation	\$5,000.00	In-Process	Can you help us out?
Friends of Tamarac	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	Informed us that our club was not a good fit for their funding grants
Totals:	\$57,200.00	\$11,200.00	

Kiosks and Signs

- Fall 2020 Project
 - Kiosks at:
 - Frazee Trails (3)
 - Pickerel (1)
 - Tamarac (?; in question)
 - Lake 5 (not sure yet)
 - Signage:
 - Pickerel Hills
 - Frazee Trails
 - Kiosk "Billboard" – to include
 - Ski Club Info; website, contact info, how to donate
 - Our Sponsors (list out)
 - Trail rules (a few guidelines listed out)

