



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Minutes
October 29th, 2020
County Board Room
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ben Grimsley, Hank Ludtke, Larry Knutson, Paige Perry, Lonnie Neuner, Del Bergseth

Staff Present: Guy Fischer, Dan McLaughlin

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Patrick Hollister, Marsha Watland, Holly Larson

1. Chair Welcome & Introductions
2. August Meeting Minutes: Review/Approval; Del Motion to Accept, 2nd Perry, motion carried
3. Agenda accepted
4. Heartland Trail/Connecting Trails Update – Guy/Jim
 - **Bonding Request:** \$2M in bonding bill (DL/Frazer segment): bonding was received;
 - **DL to Frazer Segment:** Acorn Lake and Acorn Lake to Underpass: construction will be halted and restarted in 2021. Asphalt supplier shutting down plant per the weather.
 - **Mountain Link Trail Project Phase I:** Bid process completed; Engineer's estimate was \$198,189.80 and low bid amount (Hough) came in at \$162,580.70, \$33,420 less than the engineering estimate. This project will follow the Heartland work in the Spring/summer of 2021 as Hough is doing the stretch from Acorn Lake to the underpass and will continue on with the trail link project to Hwy 54.
 - **Wannigan Park Update:**
 - Archeological survey grant received (\$10K)
 - Request from Grimsley to check out nearby Reid property
 - Environmental site assessment completed
 - Preliminary Site Plan completed next week
 - Discussion about Park and acquisition parcels (recent discussion within committee about separate NE parcel and if that should be part of park).
 - Discussion about maintenance and related personnel needs; it is not anticipated that STS can help as they have their hands full. Staff to continue to discuss potential staff/budget needs (what that

looks like) relative to scope of recreation/camping/RV/facilities (bathrooms/showers), etc., at the park

- Potential for Frazee EDA to act as the convening body for ongoing Wannigan Park development, maintenance and operation efforts. Presumes that any subsequent decisions/cost considerations would need to be further discussed and vetted by City of Frazee and County (NRM).
- Master Plan under development
 - Public review of Draft Plan starts November 10th - November 30th.
 - Draft Plan Revision November 30th – December 4th
 - City County Review and Adoption December 4th – December 22nd
 - Finalize draft December 22nd – January 15
 - Preliminary Draft of the Cooperative Agreement that would be part of Master Plan – lays out the partnership between the County and the City

5. Open Forum/Other Issues –

- Kiosks – DL Nordic Ski Club
 - Pickerel and E. Frazee Hills
 - DNR Lease for grooming some of the trails this year at Dunton Locks for Xc-skiing.

6. Adjournment