



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Notes

February 13th, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Becker County HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1771 North Tower Road, Detroit Lakes, MN

Committee Members Present: Phil Hansen, Keith Zachariason, David Meyer, Jim Granger, Howard Kluender

Absent: Del Bergseth, Hank Ludke, John Okeson, Karen Mulari

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog

Audience/Guest Participation: Heather Funk (DNR), Guy Fisher, Glenn Gifford

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Open Forum:** *None*
3. **Mountain Trail Link, Guy Fisher-** Guy discussed a trail link spur proposal from Detroit Mountain to Tower Rd. There are 3 proposed routes to get from the mountain to Tower Rd, one of the routes is believed to have a steep gradient and should be reviewed by engineers. Committee agreed to inviting Jon Pratt and/or a representative from the City of DL to the next RAC meeting to discuss the Trail Link Study and proposed routes for the trail link.
4. **DNR Campground Development Presentation, Heather Funk DNR** - Heather gave the committee a presentation on how the DNR designs and develops Modern Drive-in, Walk-in, and Remote campsites (See Presentation). Staff will begin working to develop and design camping opportunities at Chilton Park based on past RAC proposals.
5. **Becker County REC Plan Update:** Committee will continue to review and work on plan update. Limited time to discuss at this meeting. Staff will put together some larger maps that can be easier viewed at future meetings.

Some discussion points were:

- Research grants needed to fund future REC Plan Projects.
- Need to prioritize projects.
- What funding is available through the county to implement projects.

Current/Ongoing Projects:

6. Dunton Locks Park
 - *Dunton Locks Shelter Grant*- Meadowland Surveying in the process of completing a survey around the project site. Staff working with Apex Engineering on the preliminary site design for civil engineering.
 - *Bike Path* – Staff/RAC members will have discussions with WEFEST to see if they would entertain a permanent easement through, we fest grounds to Shoreham. Will likely need perpetual easement if any state/federal funds are used to assist with bike path project. Other option is to route the bike path along HWY 59.
 - *Kayak Launch*- Committee briefly reviewed kayak launch designs and costs.
7. **Toad Mountain Property** – Trust for Public Land (TPL) has made an offer to the landowner of Toad Mountain. No update other than that at this time.
8. **Wannigan Park**- Lots going on with Wannigan Park, no official update however.
9. **Heartland Trail**– No update.
10. **ATV Ordinance** – Ordinance is set to the county board for public hearing on March 19th.
11. **Other- Detroit Mountain Recreation Area - Master Plan Public Engagement TEAMS Meeting 1-2:30.**
Mitch will forward TEAMS invite link.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45pm

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE – Tuesday, March 12th, 2023.

2024 Meeting Dates (1-2:30)

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