

## CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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At 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Chisago County Park Board of Directors met in regular session at the Chisago County Government Center. The following members present: Jolene Wille, Gregg Carlson, Monica Wick, and John Pantelis. Also present: Commissioner Dahlberg, Joe Tart; Park Director, and Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director. Absent: Frank Storm.

### Meeting Summary:

- Unanimously the Board approved the agenda.
- Unanimously the Board approved the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes.
- Park Board members asked if the Fitness Court topic be added to the June 15<sup>th</sup> Park Board meeting for further discussion.

Vice Chair Wille called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the Board members was taken. A quorum was established.

Gregg Carlson added development to the addition of SIRT to New Business. **Motion** by John Pantelis to approve the amended agenda. Second by Gregg Carlson and carried unanimously.

**Motion** by John Pantelis to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Second by Monica Wick and carried unanimously.

**Citizen's Forum:** No one present.

### Old Business

#### ARPA- Project Updates

Director Tart explained that the new Parks Maintenance Cold Storage building it currently being built. The new building will house the rest of Parks equipment that currently has been stored outside.

#### 2023 CIP- Updates

Director Tart explained to the Park Board members that sections of the pavement on the SIRT were repaved/patched on May 9th near Quandam Lane to Rydeen Ave in Shafer. Director Tart informed the board that a well was put in at the Parks Maintenance building that went down 65ft deep. This project was under budget.

### New Business

#### GMRPTC Site Visit- Fish Lake County Park

Director Tart informed Park Board members that the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission visited Fish Lake County Park for a tour of the park. Director Tart explained that the GMRPTC representative liked the Fish Lake Park Master Plan. The GMRPTC rep

explained to Director Tart that they are hoping to decide in June on our regional status application.

### **2023 Parks Maintenance Operational Projects**

Director Tart went through the list of projects that our Parks Maintenance staff will work on over the summer.

### **Ki-Chi-Saga County Park- Athletic Field Usage Update**

Director Tart informed the Park Board members that we now have a calendar on our Ki-Chi-Saga webpage for all our athletic games and what fields each game is at. Director Tart explained that Office Support, Nicole Hawley, has been in contact with LARA and the public to update these calendars when needed.

### **Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail Project- Segment G**

Director Tart informed the Park Board members that all the tree clearing, and grubbing has been completed on the Segment G trail. Director Tart explained that erosion control measures and surveying will begin on the week of 5/22/23.

### **EV Charging and Fitness Court**

Director Tart explained that he has been getting contacted about EV Charging stations at our trailhead locations. Park Board Members discussed their feelings on this topic but agreed the deciding factor will be up to the County Board.

Director Tart presented pictures of a potential Fitness Court being advertised by the National Fitness Campaign and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Discussion was had between Park Board members on their views and experiences on equipment similar to the Fitness Court. Park Board members asked if they could get a copy of the presentation by National Fitness Campaign and a small video. It was decided that the Fitness Court topic will be added to the June 15<sup>th</sup> Park Board meeting.

### **Development to the addition of SIRT**

Brief discussion was had with Park Board members regarding the development to the addition of Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Gregg Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Second by John Pantelis and carried unanimously at 3:57 pm.