



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with the following park board members in attendance:

John Semrau, Kevin Loy, Mike Elde, Chris Allen, Ralph Rowland, and Tim Manns.

Staff Member: Brian Adams

There were no additional matters raised by the public, beyond issues already on the agenda. Minutes for November were approved, as was the January agenda.

Board Discussion

Presentin Project and Timeline:

We will want be creating a low impact loop trail around the site consisting of mowed paths at or near their present locations, and an added section through the forest that generally follows the existing side channel, perhaps with spurs to access the water.

The main trail system we will include 2 pedestrian bridges that would also support park maintenance vehicles (flatbed truck/mower).

We would like to create a handicap accessible loop trail and picnic/possible play area in the floodplain north of the new channel.

At this point the most likely parking area would be near the existing buildings/driveways on the northwest side of the park. We are hoping to pursue acquisition of the adjacent Balise parcels. If acquired future plans may include restrooms/camping.

Grant Projects:

We have received funds to cover final design work and a significant portion of construction at Presentin, but we will have to come up with almost \$236,000 in match (\$30,000 for the design Phase).

Centennial Trail

Update/presentation at February meeting.

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Staff Update

Mural:

The contract was finally signed.

NSRA Veterans' Park

We'll be using design from the HMSP picnic shelter for the NSRA project. A capital request for 250k was made in Oly. Money and materials are coming in.

Tursi Trail

We would like to cut the ribbon on National Trails Day. WTA work party was Presidents Day weekend.

Walberg Field YAF Grant

The contract was signed after a cultural resource scare. The resource was an old dairy barn .5 miles from the ball field.

Adjourn Next Meeting: TBD, 2016

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