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CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 16, 2022 - **DRAFT**

6 At 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 16, 2022 the Chisago County Park Board of Directors met in regular session at
7 the Chisago County Government Center. The following members present: Gregg Carlson, Jolene Wille,
8 Frank Storm, and Jill Sicheneder. Absent: Dan Kaiser. Also present: Commissioner Greene, Joe Tart; Park
9 Director, Diane Sander; Support Specialist, and Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director.

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11 Meeting Summary:

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- 13 • Unanimously the Board approved the agenda
 - 14 • Unanimously the Board approved May 19, 2022 meeting minutes
 - 15 • **By consensus**, the Board would consider reviewing the proposed disc golf course at Ki Chi Saga
16 Park with further discussion at future meeting during the fall season

17 Chair Carlson called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of
18 the Board members was taken. A quorum was established with all members present.

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20 **Motion** by Frank Storm to approve the agenda. Second by Jill Sicheneder and carried unanimously.

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22 **Motion** by Frank Storm to approve the May 19, 2022 minutes. Second by Jill Sicheneder and carried
23 unanimously.

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25 **Citizen's Forum**

26 **Ki Chi Saga County Park – Proposed Disc Golf Course**

27 John Santi – 28870 Glader Blvd, I live about ½ mile from Ki Chi Saga Park, and I am proposing a disc golf
28 course since there are not many courses within 20 minutes of my house. J. Santi noted disc golf is one of
29 the fastest growing sports, course could be interweaved into the existing park, gets people outside, easy
30 to install, and people really enjoy it. Costs would mainly be concrete for tee pads/starting points and
31 baskets which are approximately \$300-\$400 per basket. J. Santi proposed three different options at Ki Chi
32 Saga Park. First option, nine holes and skirt around playing fields with no additional mowing and no tree
33 removal. Second option, eighteen holes more realistic and diverse with going into wooded area. Second
34 option would require some smaller trees to be removed, approximately \$10,000. Second option would
35 require some larger equipment and around ten volunteers to complete. Third option could avoid the
36 playing fields or expand to twenty seven holes and go along east side of park boundary into wooded
37 area/camping area. This option would make it more challenging. Cross country ski path could double as
38 disc course. J. Santi didn't realize Dennis Frandsen Park had nine holes, it seemed confusing, and had
39 many par three holes. Director Schneider noted the County Board has shown some interest in a mountain
40 bike course – so it could be competing interest. In addition, consideration is needed for budget, staff
41 time, and how a disc golf course would impact park users on the field, camping, and hiking. J. Santi
42 indicated he wanted a disc golf course closer than twenty minutes away from his house. Frank Storm had
43 concerns with overloading Ki Chi Sage Park with another use. J. Santi noted he did not think the disc
44 course would overload the park since it could be intergraded into existing features or around it. It has the
45 potential to have some unique holes around the pollinator and pond areas. The proposed course would
46 not remove a lot of trees. J. Santi indicated he could flag the course for the Board to visually see his
47 proposal. **By consensus**, the Board would consider reviewing the proposed course with further discussion
48 at a future meeting during the fall season.

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Old Business

Budget and Finance Meeting - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Proposal) – 6/8/22

Director Tart provided a brief presentation on various ARPA funding projects which included: new parks maintenance facility building, county community building, mountain bike course, Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail (SIRT) connection, and Ki Chi Saga Park Multi-Purpose Building (bathroom, storage, and concessions). Discussion followed on maintenance building, potential of expanding existing building and long term look for Parks and Trails Department.

New Business

Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail (SPRT) Project - Update

Director Tart highlighted the preliminary design, if a wetland delineation is required, if permanent easement will be needed, potential for getting rights of entry from impacted private parcels, and topographic survey. Preliminary layout is trying to avoid private parcel impacts as much as possible. A vertical design with topography survey will need to be completed. The Intersection of 410th to CSAH 10 would extend the trail north to CSAH 10 add crossing CSAH 30 with flashing lights and pedestrian ramps. A permanent easement would be required for the pedestrian ramps. Meeting with property owner will be held to discuss CSAH 20 crossing. Future trail connection to east to connect with City of Harris. Director Tart discussed a road crossing and cost of future trailhead.

Capital Project Progress/Updates

Director Tart highlighted Checkerboard Park’s new restroom building. Photos were displayed of site preparation and installation of the building. The project ran into an unexpected tree branch removal prior to the crane dropping the building in place. Director Tart reported on the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) pathway improvements at Ki Chi Saga Park.

Administration Update

Director Tart reviewed the Ragnar Relay Race at the Park n Ride location in Lent Township. Race will be held the weekend of August 12-13. Director Tart discussed a fence relocation at Lions Park in the City of Stacy. The Lion’s Club installed a new fence at the edge of the SPRT. Fence has been moved about 10-15 ft back from the trail’s edge. Director Tart noted it was nice to work with the Lions Club who fixed the problem right away.

Miscellaneous

Parks and Trails Maintenance

Staff will be working on the following projects: Ki Chi Saga Park will have mulch installed around playground area. Fish Lake Park had postings notifying swimmers and the general public the swimming area was chemically treated for weeds. The chemical product is labeled for safe swimming the same day of application; however, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) specify to close the swimming area for a day. It is a process of installing a dozen signs around the park/swimming area. Director Tart highlighted a SPRT location north of the City of Stacy and the possibility of removing some hazard trees.

Adjourn – Motion by Jolene Wille to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jill Sicheneder and carried unanimously at 4:05 pm.