

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 17th, 2023

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, August 17th, 2023, 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 Allen Siedow. Also present Joe Tart; Park Director and Nicole Hawley; Office Support Specialist. Absent: John Pantelis.

Meeting Summary:

- Gregg Carlson added Welcoming of Katie Malchow to the agenda.
- Welcomed new District 5 Park Board member, Allen Siedow.
- Unanimously the Board approved the June 15th, 2023 meeting minutes.

Chair Carlson 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.

Welcome District 5 Park Board Member- Allen Siedow

District 5 Park Board Member, Allen Siedow, introduced himself to Park Board. Allen is involved in multiple community groups. The Park Board went around the room and introduced themselves.

Chair Carlson added Welcoming of Katie Malchow to the agenda. **Motion** by Jolene Wille to approve the amended agenda. Second by Monica Wick and carried unanimously.

Motion by Jolene Wille to approve the June 15th, 2023, meeting minutes. Second by Monica Wick and carried unanimously.

Welcome Katie Malchow to Chisago County

Katie Malchow, County Outreach & Initiative Coordinator, introduced herself to Park Board members and explained her new position with the County and how she can help with promoting parks to the community.

Citizen's Forum: Center City Mayor, Jill Behnke, was at the Park Board Meeting representing the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail. Mayor Behnke wanted to know the progress of the completion of the missing segment on the SIRT. Director Tart explained that it is still getting investigated. Mayor Behnke also discussed potential trailhead designs and shared thoughts on shared parking with businesses on the proposed Center City trailhead.

Old Business

ARPA- Project Updates

Director Tart explained that the parks maintenance cold storage building is almost complete, it is just missing electrical which will be installed soon. Most of our outside stored equipment will now be housed in the new building.

Director Tart shared pictures with the Park Board of the demolition of the old equipment storage building at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park for the new concession building. Director Tart presented the new plans for the concession building to the park board members.

2023 CIP Updates

Director Tart went through the 2023 CIP planning sheet. Director Tart also explained that the beginning of the SPRT is showing additional cracking and buckling and is using 2023 CIP funds to repair the trail.

SHIP Grant Application

Director Tart explained to Park Board that our 2023 SHIP application was approved for \$4,900. Director shared that our next steps now after being approved is to create trail map signs, place maps in parks, finalize brochure, and distribute brochures throughout county/trailheads.

New Business

SPRT- Segment G

Director Tart shared pictures of the 2nd phase of the Segment G project. The 2nd phase will be paved by August 28th. The hope for this Segment G project is to be completed by mid-September. Commissioner Dahlberg explained that the state was looking into the completion of the SPRT extending to the county line and what the price it would be to complete.

SPRT- Logo

Director Tart asked for the Park Board's opinion on the new designs for the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail logo. Park Board members gave their options on font, color, and shape. Director Tart will take these opinions and come back with a few final designs.

Fish Lake County Park- Collections Gate Building Damage

Director Tart went over pictures of the damage of the Collections Gate Building Damage that someone from the public backed into. The county's insurance company deemed us around \$7,000 for the fix of the damage. Currently, our collections attendants are using a covered tent to sell parking passes.

Special Use Permit- Cross County Meet at Dennis Frandsen

Director Tart stated that we received a Special Use Permit for a Cross Country Meet at Dennis Frandsen Park. **Motion** by Jolene Wille to approve the Special Use Permit. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously

Director Tart went over the rough draft of the new parks and trails brochures. Park Board gave their options about the placement of items and colors. Director Tart will revise the brochure and show the new brochure at a later date.

Adjourn – Motion by Jolene Wille to adjourn the meeting. Second by Monica Wick and carried unanimously at 4:16 pm.