

# CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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At 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Chisago County Park Board of Directors met in regular session at the Chisago County Government Center. The following members present: John Pantelis, Jolene Wille, Monica Wick, and Allen Siedow. Also present: Dan Dahlberg; 5<sup>th</sup> District County Commissioner, Joe Tart; Park Director, Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director, and Nicole Hawley; Office Support Specialist. Absent: Gregg Carlson

## Meeting Summary:

- Unanimously the Board approved the agenda.
- Unanimously the Board approved the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes.
- Park Board unanimously voted on the new Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail logo.

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.

**Motion** by Allen Siedow to approve the agenda. Second by John Pantelis and carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Monica Wick to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

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

## Old Business

### 2023 CIP- Updates

Director Tart explained to Park Board members that there is still issues of erosion on SIRT. Director Tart has investigated a solution called Rock Checks. Rock checks are a rock fill dam constructed across a drainage ditch, swale, or channel to lower the speed of concentrated flows. Director Tart stated that it would be \$16,300 if this method was done on Bridge 2 and 3. Currently there is \$19,000 in the budget for this project.

Director Tart presented the Park Board with the new swing set at our Ki-Chi-Saga County Park. The swing set will consist of one expression swing and 2 bucket swings.

### ARPA- Project Updates

The septic system at our Ki-Chi-Saga concession building is currently being put in. The goal is to have the septic system put in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Parks and Trails Brochure and SPRT Logo

Park Board went over the 3 final options on the SPRT logo, and all agreed that they prefer block lettering. **Motion** by Monica Wick to approve the new SPRT logo. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

Park Board members liked the direction the new Parks and Trail brochure is going. Park Board members found a few edits to the brochure. Director Tart will take the edits to our editor and will send the Park Board the final version once we receive it.

### **New Business**

#### **2024 Budget**

Director Tart explained that we would like to start adding more porta potties to our Harris trailhead and at our Ki-Chi-Saga County Park. Director Tart also went over his hope of possibly getting a new trash hauler in 2024. Director Tart went over the 2024 Capital budget items with Park Board members.

#### **Staffing Update- Parks Maintenance and Fish Lake Park**

Director Tart stated that it was a great year with staffing at Fish Lake Park, we hope our seasonals will return next season. Director Tart informed the Park Board that we currently have a job opening for our 9 month Parks Technician position. There is hope to open the position for applications in spring of 2024.

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

Segment G is getting close. Phase 3 grading began on 9/14. There is hope the project will be completed by the of September. Director Tart will continue to give updates on this project.

#### **Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail - Segment G Ribbon Cutting Event Date**

After Park Board members went through their schedule, it was determined that the SPRT ribbon cutting date will be at 12:00pm on October 13th at the new Trailhead in Harris. If anyone is interested in riding the new SPRT segment before the ribbon cutting, there will be a gathering at Rodger Johnson Memorial Park in North Branch at 11:00am to bike the new segment to the Harris Trailhead for the ribbon cutting. **Motion** by John Pantelis for the SPRT Segment G Ribbon cutting date as 10/13/23 at 12:00. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

**Adjourn** – Motion by John Pantelis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Monica Wick and carried unanimously at 3:58 pm.