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## SCOTT COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2020

The Scott County Parks Advisory Commission held their March meeting on March 4, 2020 at The Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee, MN 55379. Staff members present were Patty Freeman, General Manager of Scott County Parks and Trails, Nathan Moe, Parks and Natural Resources Parks Planner, and Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary.

- 1) **Roll Call:** Chair Patrick Stieg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and proceeded with roll call.  
**Members present:** Kristin French, Kathy Gerlach, Barb Hedstrom, Jerry Hennen, Eric Spieler, Patrick Stieg, Mark Ewert and Commissioner Jon Ulrich

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Commissioner Ewert; second by Commissioner Hennen to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

4) **Approve meeting minutes for February 5, 2020**

Commissioner Barb Hedstrom noted a typo error on page (5) under "Outdoor Recreation and Education Team". Notes should read:

- o Free Play Snow Day
  - Cleary Lake – Free "Ski" Lessons

**Motion by Commissioner Spieler; second by Commissioner Gerlach to approve the 02/05/20 meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

5) **Recognition of Interested Citizens for Items Not on the Agenda**  
No Citizen Comment

6) **Informational Items**

- a. Advisory Commissioner Reports

*Commissioner Spieler commented on the Free Play Snow Day, event held at Cleary Lake on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The event went well with free ski lessons held at Highland Park.*

*Commissioner Hedstrom attended the Free Play Snow Day event mid-afternoon, noting the trails were very busy and a lot of families were going out with ski equipment.*

*Patty Freeman attended with her son where they enjoyed the fire along with s'mores and noted many people were engaged in snow shoeing.*

Commissioner Spieler inquired if any Commissioners attended the Fat Bike race event held at Cleary Lake on February 16<sup>th</sup>. No commissioners were able to attend, but it was noted it was a nice day for the event with approximately (40-50) people participating.

Commissioner Spieler advised citizens were removing "No Walking" signs from Murphy Henrehan Ski Trails

Commissioner Stieg commented on the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Meeting presentation by the Met Council. The presentation featured a research focus group with Twin Cities Youth in relation to what they need and want related to more Park visitations. It is their goal to conduct (20) presentations in the year 2020. Commissioner Stieg mentioned the possibility of having the group present at an upcoming Parks Advisory Commission Meeting.

b. Upcoming Events

Highlighted Winter Events and Programs / Volunteer Opportunities  
(1) Free Play Snow Day; February 29

9) **Upcoming Meetings**

a. April 1, 2020 – Rec Pass Plus Update; Final Kiosk Design

b. May 6, 2020 - Budget

10) **Adjourn**

**Motion by Commissioner Ewert; second by Commissioner Hedstrom to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion carried unanimously.**

- The meeting concluded at 6:15 pm followed by a Workshop Session

# Workshop Session

The purpose of the workshop is to seek inspiration for names regarding the renaming of Scott West Regional Trail.

In an effort to rename the Scott West Regional Trail several guest speakers provided presentations highlighting natural, cultural, historical, and geological features of Scott County, focusing on three distinct areas of the county; the northern 1/3, the central 1/3 and the southern 1/3.

## Guest Speakers

Jesse Krzenski, Scott County Environmental Services

### Geology of Scott County

- Paleozoic Era (-500 MYA)
- 2 MYA
- 20KYA Superior Lobe
- 14KYA Des Moines Lobe
- 10KYA Lake Agassiz
- Glacial Sediment Coverage
- Surficial Geology
- Continental Glacier
- Trail Layout
- Southern Scott County Geology

Patty Freeman, Scott County Parks

- Native Plant Communities and Wildlife
- First US Government Public Land Survey of MN
  - 1847 to 1907
  - Grid survey to support the sale of land
  - Deputy surveyor, chainmen, axemen and a compassman
  - Corner marking (wooden posts, bearing trees)
  - Physical geography
  - Field notes
  - Bearing tree information
  - Locally – paint a picture of landscape on fringes of European settlement
  - Francis J. Marschner
  - Between 1929 – 1931
  - Reviewed every note and interpreted it into a map describing the vegetation at time of European settlement
- Ecological Land Classification Today
- Remnant Native Plant Communities
- Wildlife (Northern Scott County)
  - Shortnose Gar
  - Smooth Softshell Turtle
  - Brown Trout
  - Raptors (Bald Eagle, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Barred Owl)
  - Blanding's Turtles
- Wildlife (Southern Scott County)
  - Trumpeter Swans
  - Ducks

- Cerulean Warblers
- Sandhill Crane
- River Otters
- Wild Turkey

Nicole Henderson and Leonard Wabasha; Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

- Minnesota (Mni Sota)
- Cante Waste Nape Ceyuzapi
  - Handshake and a good heart
  - Common Dakota (Sioux) greeting
  - What is your name
  - Where are you from
- Mitakuye Owasin
- Connection to Place
- The Original Public Land Survey in Scott County, MN (1854-1855)
- Tinta Otunwe (Teen-ta Otunway)
- Tribal Nations and Settler Relations
- Connecting our Future Generations to Tinta Otunwe on the Minnesota River

Rose James and Heather Hoaglund, Scott Historical Society

- Scott County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update
  - Scott County Regional Park & Trail System
- Highlights of the Northern Third
- Lake Agassiz
- Minnesota River
- Transportation
- River Industries
  - Ice and Milling
- Resorts at Prior Lake
- Dan Patch
- The Great Depression – Transient Relief
- The Great Depression – NYA Camp
- World War II
- Camp Savage
- Highlights of the Middle Third
- Brick and Lime
- Mudbaden
- Albrecht Circus
- Highlights of the Lower Third
- Farming and Dairy
- Bohemian Triangle

Park Advisory Commissioner "Descriptors" captured to inspire possible trail names



*Patrick Stieg*

**Patrick Stieg, Chair**

*05/06/2020*

**Date**

*Beverly Cox-Alexander*

**Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary**