SCOTT COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2019

The Scott County Parks Advisory Commission held their September meeting on September 4, 2019 at the Cleary Lake Maintenance Facility, 6246 190th Street East, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Staff members present were Patty Freeman, General Manager of Scott County Parks and Trails, Nathan Moe, Parks Planner, and Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary.

1) Roll Call: Chair Patrick Stieg called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and proceeded with roll call. Members present: Kristin French, Kathy Gerlach, Barb Hedstrom, Eric Spieler, Patrick Stieg, Mark Ewert and Commissioner Jon Ulrich

Members Absent: Jerry Hennen
Three Rivers Park District Staff Guests Present: Justin Markeson and Nate Hurliman

2) Pledge of Allegiance – (no flag available at off-site meeting, omitted the Pledge of Allegiance)

3) Approval of Agenda

   Motion by Commissioner Ewert; second by Commissioner French to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Approve meeting minutes for July 24, 2019

   Motion by Commissioner Spieler; second by Commissioner Hedstrom to approve the 07/24/19 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Recognition of Interested Citizens for Items Not on the Agenda
   No citizen comment.

6) Tour of Cleary Lake Maintenance Shop

   Commissioners and staff enjoyed a tour of the Cleary Lake Maintenance Shop, directed by Justin Markeson, Three Rivers Park District Maintenance Supervisor.

   • Current maintenance shop office (house) is scheduled for demo on September 16th
   • (2) shop buildings provide storage and cover for maintenance vehicles
   • (1) maintenance milk shop building provides inside room for maintenance work
7) **Administration, Planning and Development**
   a. Proposed Dog Policy Change

   - The Park District has updated the Dog Policy; expanding areas where people with dogs may now enter:
     - Dogs on leashes are now allowed on all turf trails
     - Dogs on leashes are now allowed in picnic areas.

   - Areas dogs are allowed also include:
     - Paved trails
     - Regional trails
     - Campgrounds and group camps

   - Dogs are prohibited in these areas:
     - Buildings
     - Beaches
     - Play areas
     - Golf and disc golf courses
     - Archery ranges
     - Winter downhill areas
     - Cross-country ski trails
     - Single-track trails
     - Gale Woods Farm, Kingswood Park and Noerenberg Gardens
• Benefits of policy change
  o Ability for more canine-friendly opportunities
  o People have been confused where dogs are allowed and where they are not allowed
  o The policy change brings the Park District dog policy closer in alignment to the policy currently implemented in the Scott County owned facilities.
    ▪ Cedar Lake Farm, dogs are allowed on turf trails and in picnic areas
    ▪ Spring Lake Regional Park currently does not have turf trails or formal picnic areas

• Park Ordinance Change
  o The current County Park Ordinance allows for pets on leash in designated areas
  o Implementation of the policy within Scott County facilities is in line with the new policy direction taken by Three Rivers
  o A Park Ordinance update is not required
  o Staff believes County Board action is required to authorize the areas designated for pets on leash, as it is believed this step was not taken in the past. Staff will follow up on with the County Board in the coming weeks.

• Commissioner discussion items included:
  o Park signage related to dogs
  o Retractable leashes
  o Dog bags at parks
  o Dog educational campaign in 2020
  o Operate under (2) ordinances
    ▪ Three Rivers Ordinance
    ▪ Scott County Ordinance
  o No dogs on ski trails
  o Dogs allowed on horse trails at Murphy
  o Process of policy change

Park Advisory Commissioners support the policy addition change to allow dogs on leashes on all turf trails and in picnic areas.

8) Informational Items
a. Projects / Other Update
   i) Cleary Maintenance Building Update

• Updates provided on tour

ii) Equity Grant Applications

• On August 30th, staff submitted applications for (3) grants. Results of grant awards will be provided in January.
  o If awarded grants, funding will be used for
    ▪ Cleary Lake Master Plan Community Engagement
    ▪ Spring Lake Lakefront Development Community Engagement
    ▪ Improvements and Comprehensive Installation of the Brown Sign Program
b. Upcoming Events, Programs, Camps
   i) Recreation and Education Opportunities
      (1) Trailgate – Spring Lake Regional Park; September 28th, 11AM to 3PM
         o Booth interest – (same as last year using dots and engaging with people)
         o Flyers will be printed in the next week or two

      (2) Fall Programs
         o Family Archery at Cedar, The Landing, Cleary Lake
         o Canoe in the Moon at Cleary
         o Trick or Treat

c. Advisory Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Spieler attended the Run Murphy End of Summer 5K Run on July 31st. It was a great turnout with 350 people in attendance.

On behalf of the Parks Commission, Commissioner Hedstrom attended a FISH meeting (a countywide organization) and shared the opportunity where the Metropolitan Council is looking for youth groups to participate in a research project on how they engage.

Commissioner Ullrich commented on FISH (Families and Individuals Sharing Hope); a nonprofit organization which partners with service groups, local governments, the faith community, and businesses all partnering together to meet human need.

Commissioner Stieg provided comments on the following topics:
   o Opportunity for Children in Nature – Park Rx
   o Carver County Trail Signage Pilot Program
   o On August 6th the Carver County Board of Commissioners voted to eliminate Park Entry Fees., effective December 1st
   o Lake Marion Regional Trail Route
   o State Fair DNR Legacy Display provided the opportunity for people to vote on how they thought the legacy money should be spent on Parks and Trails to get more people into the parks and trail system
   o Carver County to pilot a program for the Landscape Arboretum to expand their access to people that cannot afford the entrance fee

9) Upcoming Meetings
   a. October 2nd
      i) Scott County – 2018 TRPD Resident and Park Visitor Survey Presentation on Results
      ii) 2020 Budget Update
      iii) Recreation Pass Plus

   b. November 6
      i) 2020-2022 Work Plan
      ii) Operational analysis for future developments

10) Adjourn

    Motion by Commissioner Ewert; second by Commissioner Gerlach to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
• The meeting concluded at 8:14 pm

Patrick Stieg, Chair

Date

10/2/2019

Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary