

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, June 20, 2024

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 20th, 2024, 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, Gregg Carlson, and Allen Siedow. Also present: Joe Tart; Park Director, and Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director.

Meeting Summary:

- Unanimously the Board approved the agenda.
- Unanimously the Board approved the March 21st, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Discussion of MORC was added to the agenda.

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.

Director Tart added the discussion of MORC under New Business **Motion** by Allen Siedow to approve the amended agenda. Second by John Pantelis and carried unanimously.

The wording “Nick and Drews” was replaced by the store owners name, “Nick Kirvida” under Citizens Forum. **Motion** by Gregg Carlson to approve the amended May 16th, 2024 minutes. Second by John Pantelis and carried unanimously.

Citizen’s Forum: No one was present.

Old Business

A. 2024 CIP Update

Director Tart discussed that portions of the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail were closed for crack filling and fog seal coating operations.

B. SPRT- Segment G- Final Update

Director Tart discussed the final costs of the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail- Segment G project.

C. Ribbon Cutting Events

Director Tart presented pictures of the ribbon cutting events for the Mountain Bike Course and SPRT Segment G. The Park Board would like to extend they’re thanks to all who made the ribbon cutting events possible.

D. Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor- Update

There were 33 candidates who applied for this position. Out of the 33, 7 were selected for interviews. The interviews were conducted on Tuesday, June 18th and Thursday, June 20th.

New Business

A. 2025 Capital Improvement Plan and Operation Budget

Director Tart presented the proposed 2025 CIP items. The items include: ¾ ton truck replacement, county parks entrance signage, fecon unit, snowblower, grapple, kayak dock, DR mower attachment, V-plow for parks truck, re-tin park building structures, and insulate new parks building.

B. Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail- State Legacy Grant Application

Director Tart relayed to the board that funding through the State Legacy Grant Application is due on July 31st, 2024, for 2026 fiscal year. **Motion** by Gregg Carlson to approve county parks staff to apply for grant funding through the Greater MN Regional Park and Trails with County Board authorization. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

C. Fish Lake County Park- Flooding

Director Tart presented pictures of the recent flooding at Fish Lake Park due to heavy rain and overflow of Fish Lake. The park was closed to the public for 1 week until water levels went down.

D. Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists (MORC)

Director Tart discussed with Park Board the benefit of partnering with MORC for our Ki-Chi-Saga Mountain Bike Course. MORC would promote our Mountain Bike Course as an outdoor recreation and fitness activity and would develop and maintain quality trails for cyclists of all ability levels at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park. **Motion** by Gregg Carlson to move forward with signing a Memorandum of Agreement with MORC. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

Adjourn –Motion by John Pantelis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.