

CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, September 19, 2024

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 19th, 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, Jessica Bergan, and Allen Siedow. Also present: Joe Tart; Park Director, Nicole Hawley; Office Support Specialist, Jackson McDowell; Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director.

Meeting Summary:

- Unanimously the Board approved the agenda.
- Unanimously the Board approved August 15th, 2024 minutes.
- Park Board welcomed new District 4 Park Board member, Jessica Bergan.

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

Motion by Gregg Carlson to approve the August 15th, 2024 minutes. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum: No one was present.

Old Business

A. Minnesota Off-Road Cyclist (MORC)

MORC will start Wednesday, 9/25, to help maintain the Mountain Bike Course. Parks staff prepped a site and constructed the new equipment storage shed. MORC is a volunteer-based company who pull together citizens who are interested in helping maintain the trail.

B. SHIP Grant Awarded Project- Update

Director Tart informed Park Board that the 2024 SHIP Grant project needs to be completed by 9/27/2024 to receive equipment reimbursement. County SHIP grant representatives received formal approval from Chisago County Board of Commissioners at the County Board meeting held on 8/7/2024 to move forward with the projects.

C. Capital Improvement Projects- Update

Director Tart discussed the 2024 CIP project list and the expensive to date on each item with Park Board members.

D. ARPA Update

Director Tart updated the Board that Wi-Fi will be added to Ki-Chi-Saga County Park in September and added to Checkerboard County Park in November. Park Board members asked if cameras will be added to the parks with Wi-Fi getting installed. Director Tart

answered saying that Chisago County Enterprise Services Department budgeted for 6 cameras for the Parks.

Director Tart updated the Board that all the concrete should be poured for the Ki-Chi-Saga concession building in the next week.

New Business

A. State Legacy Emerging Opportunities Funding Grant Application- Update

Director Tart submitted a State Legacy Emerging Opportunities Funding Grant application to help with funding to purchase land for Segment D of the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail. Director Tart applied for \$209,890. We should know by 9/26/2024 if we were awarded granted funding under this new funding application.

B. Large Special Events- Update

Director Tart presented pictures of the recent Cross-Country meet at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park that was held on 9/17/2024. Director Tart also updated the Park Board that there will be another Cross-County meet at Dennis Frandsen Park on 9/19/2024.

Adjourn –*Motion* by Allen Siedow to adjourn the meeting. Second by John Pantelis and carried unanimously at 3:59pm.