

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on July 19, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Dennis Acton, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, Rob Stevens and Jim Dowd

ABSENT: Dale Christiansen (excused)

GUESTS: Norma Talburt

Ferber called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Larson moved for approval of the May 17, 2007 minutes and Swift seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dowd reviewed the status of the following projects:

Chief Miwaleta Campground: Construction began on Phase I to remove stumps and brush and also to grade the camp sites and access roads. It is expected to be done mid-August. Dowd informed the Board that we have been awarded a grant to help fund Phase II of the campground which would include putting in electrical hookups, water and sewer.

Windy Cove A Restroom Roof Replacement: Dowd reported that we have been awarded a grant to help cover the costs of replacing the roof at Windy Cove A Campground. The project will hopefully be scheduled to begin in early October.

Coastal Park Shop: The park shop currently located at the Coastal Museum will be relocated sometime in the near future. There is no definite location at this time.

Baker Wayside: A project for additional parking, interpretative signage, new restrooms and picnic tables, and improvements to the access road and turn around is scheduled to begin the second week in August. The project will be coordinated by the US Forest Service based on a grant from the Federal Highway Administration.

Half Moon Bay Campground: Improvements at the campground include a self-pay station, new gravel to be laid on the camp site pads, and electrical service. A potable water well is currently being worked on.

Emile Park: A new CXT vault toilet was installed in the park and staff will be replacing damaged picnic tables soon.

Coastal Equine Park: Staff submitted an application for technical review to the Douglas County Planning Department which takes around 45 days to complete. If it is approved, a final design plan can be developed. There is currently no funding for the project.

Cooper Creek Trail: The trail at Cooper Creek was finished and pictures were handed out. Interpretive signage will be provided by Lone Rock Timber later this summer.

Park Policy Manual: The Board of Commissioners is currently reviewing the manual. It will be brought to a public BOC meeting for approval and adoption.

Pitchford Master Plan: Staff has requested Commissioner Laurance to suggest a date for approval and adoption of the plan.

Kanipe Bridge Project: Dowd showed pictures of the Eagle Scout Bridge Project that was currently completed at Mildred Kanipe Park.

OFF AGENDA

Dowd updated the Board regarding the Board of Commissioners ordinance to remove appointed Board members without cause.

Dowd reported that a memorial plaque for John Youngquist will be put up at the Galesville Reservoir. Tom Manton from the Douglas County Public Works Resource Dept. will take it to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were some concerns regarding the storage of the Buggy at Mildred Kanipe Park as well as some language in protecting the wildlife from a letter dated June 13, 2007 from the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park. Dowd will bring those concerns to the meeting on July 20th with The Friends and report back to the Board. It was agreed that responses to The Friends be made by written documentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the Mildred Kanipe Will and Trust. It is understood that the interpretation of both is under question regarding whether revenue from timber sales can be used to offset costs at the Park. Swartzlender reminded the Board that the County took on the park as a stand alone park and as long as we're held up on raising enough funds from the park itself to pay for things, we are not in the position to incur more expenses.

A Board tour will be planned for this fall.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Norma Talburt inquired about the fallen timber at Mildred Kanipe Park that was cut for the Oak Restoration Project. Talburt volunteered to have horses pull out the lumber in order to sell for firewood. Dowd will look into the process of doing this.

Norma Talburt reported that the aerial map at Mildred Kanipe Park is faded and asked the Board to approve replacing it. It was agreed and recommended that the map structure be rebuilt to face the South side to avoid fading. Talburt will be responsible for the new map.

NEXT MEETING The August meeting was cancelled. The next Park Board meeting will be September 20, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Acton and seconded by Swift. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wilson, Office Manager
Douglas County Park Department