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## SCOTT COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2019

The Scott County Parks Advisory Commission held their October meeting on October 2, 2019 at The Landing, 2187 County Rd 101, Shakopee, MN 55379. Staff members present were Patty Freeman, General Manager of Scott County Parks and Trails, Alysa Delgado, Parks and Natural Resources Coordinator, and Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary.

- 1) **Roll Call:** Chair Patrick Stieg called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and proceeded with roll call.  
**Members present:** Kristin French, Kathy Gerlach, Barb Hedstrom, Jerry Hennen, Eric Spieler, Patrick Stieg, and Mark Ewert.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Jon Ulrich

**Three Rivers Park District Members Present:** Luke Skinner, Anne Jaeger, Tyler Thompson, and Bill Walker

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

3) **Approval of Agenda**

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

- 4) **Approve meeting minutes for September 4, 2019**

**Motion by Commissioner Spieler; second by Commissioner Ewert to approve the 09/04/19 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

6) **Administration, Planning and Development**

- The Landing Update and Tour  
Presented by Luke Skinner, Three Rivers Park District Associate Superintendent

Proposed changes are in partnership with Three Rivers Park District Staff, Scott County Park District Staff, the City of Shakopee and the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community

- A new approach to The Landing historical story telling
  - Communicating a history that is more accurate and comprehensive
- Opening up The Landing for more general park usage including:
  - Walking

- Biking
- Picnics
- Engaging with the Minnesota River
- Kayak Launch
- Native Settler Story Telling
- Burial Mounds
- Nature Playground
- Modernizing the approach to interpretation and historical story telling
  - Telling the story in unique ways
    - Self-guided
    - Augmented reality
    - Integrated signage
    - Native settler story
- Partnership with the Scott County Historical Society
- A cultural trail and naturalized river corridor from The Landing to the County's Historic Holmes Street Bridge
- Embracing the State Trail and Memorial Park as an opportunity to bring awareness to The Landing
- Opening the West Entrance as the gateway
  - More accessible and welcoming
  - Physical appearance
  - Ambience
  - Redesign parking lot
  - New signage
  - Bike trail connecting from Memorial Park
  - Remove vegetation
- No admission to gain entrance into the park
- Seasonal Programming
  - Fee is associated with certain programs

Commissioners enjoyed a tour of The Landing





## 7) Outreach, Visitor Services, Recreation and Education

### a. Recreation Pass Plus

Presented by Alysa Delgado, Parks and Natural Resources Coordinator

What is Recreation Pass Plus?

- A program that hopes to target underserved communities
  - Household incomes less than \$50,000 per year
- Includes
  - (2) free recreation passes per family member
  - Free equipment rentals
  - 60% discount on Three River Park District programs and events

How is it different?

- The previous fee assistance program, "Parks for all People" included:
  - Free swimming or cross country skiing pass
  - Discount equipment rentals
  - Discount educational programs and camping
- Recreational Pass Plus
  - Increases the variety of activity passes
  - Offers free equipment rentals
  - Increases the number of programs that are offered at a discount
- Before:
  - Cross-Country Skiing
  - Swimming
- After:
  - Archery
  - Boating
  - Cross-Country Skiing
  - Disc Golf
  - Dog Off-Leash
  - Horseback Riding
  - Snowmobiling
  - Swimming

Recreation Pass Plus Goals

- Easy for both the public to acquire and use
- Remove any and all associated stigma
- Add choice for users
- A better / real benefit for users

- Easy for Three Rivers Staff to use

#### Who Qualifies?

- Currently, Hennepin County residents who are enrolled in any of the following:
  - Supplemental Security Income, Emergency Medical Assistance, Minnesota Care, General Assistance, Minnesota Family Investment Act, Medical Assistance, Minnesota Supplemental Aid, Hennepin County Emergency Assistance Program, Refugee Cash Assistance, Work Benefit, Diversional Work Program, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, Supplemental Nutrition Program Employment and Training Program, Free and Reduced School Lunch Program

#### Implications

- Budget implications of this program are yet to be known due to the newly implemented nature
- Potential budget implications include:
  - Displacement of full-paying customers for programs and equipment rentals
  - An increase in program participation
- Long term impact:
  - Increasing visitors by reaching current non-users that contributes to creating a healthier community
  - Promoting equitable access to outdoor recreation and education

#### Current Metrics:

- July
  - Approximately 500 individuals signed up for the program
- September
  - 1,092 individuals (288 families) signed up

Commissioners in agreement Recreation Pass Plus would be a beneficial program to bring to Scott County to increase usage of our parks from one of our underrepresented groups of Scott County residents in an approachable and partnership consistent way

#### b. Outdoor Recreation Review – Winter, Spring, Summer 2019

Presented by Tyler Thompson, Three Rivers Park District Recreation Program Specialist and Ann Jaeger, Three Rivers Park District Outdoor Recreation Supervisor

#### Overview Review:

- Outdoor Recreation School Overview and Participation
- Public and Private Group Education Definitions
- Outdoor Education and Recreation Department Vision
- Winter Programs
- Spring Public Programs
- Summer Camp Deep Dive
- Summer Public Programs
- Group Education
- Outdoor Recreation School (ORS) future vision
  - Opportunities for further partnership and collaboration with county public and mental health departments
  - Program offerings at The Landing
  - Senior programming
  - Free “Try-it” programs
  - Large school group education

- Equity and outreach funding
- Sustainable growth

## 8) Informational Items

### a. Projects / Other Update

#### i) Operations Budget Update

- There was a general wage and benefit increase proposal revenue issue of approximately \$30,000.00 on the county side which has been addressed
- The Maintenance position is not in the budget

### b. Upcoming Events, Programs, Camps

#### i) Recreation and Education Opportunities

- Commissioners and staff receiving email blast on Scott County Three River upcoming events
- Patty Freeman shared updates provide by Justin Markeson and Tom Balk
  - Upcoming Deer Hunts at Cleary, Murphy and Spring Lake
  - Spring Lake Trailgate is Sept 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Surf the Murph is coming up
  - Savage 100
  - 5K at Cleary
  - HSCV 5K
  - End of camping season is October 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Fall golf programs ends October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 7th
  - Golf Course is closing Mid-November
  - Pavilion wedding rentals at Cleary next 4 weekends
  - Fall aeration on golf course
  - Maintenance team is working with the Scott County Highway Maintenance team building an access road

### c. Advisory Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Patrick Stieg is continuing to work on efforts to bring Park Rx programs to the Scott County area.
- Commissioner Eric Spielers son attended the youth volunteers end of season raffle with Herman Gorman
- Commissioner Spieler attended the Prior Lake Community Festival on October 16<sup>th</sup> and suggested having a booth next year at the event
- Commissioner Jerry Hennen attended the Spring Lake Regional Park Open House where Three Rivers passed out a handy consolidated Three Rivers map that was well received by attendees
- Commissioner Barb Hedstrom commented much of the western and southern county accesses the Ney Nature Center. The Ney Nature Center has experienced a lot of growth in recent years and is open and free except for membership and programming.
- Commissioner Hedstrom recently attended the Three River Project Community Connect, a large community event that provides services to residents of Scott County that are “living on little” and expressed disappointment there was no information at this event about the upcoming Spring Lake Trailgate event that was occurring the following week.

## 9) Upcoming Meetings

### a. November 6

- i) Scott County – 2018 TRPD Resident and Park Visitor Survey Presentation on Results
- ii) 2020 Budget Update

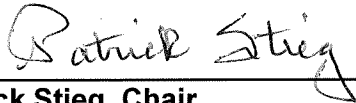
b. December 4

- i) Year in Review
- ii) 2020 – 2022 Work Plan
- iii) Operational analysis for future developments

**10) Adjourn**

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

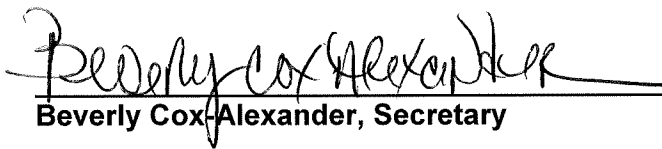
- The meeting concluded at 8:10 pm



**Patrick Stieg, Chair**



**Date**



**Beverly Cox-Alexander, Secretary**