

Garvin Park

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Lyon County Park Board
Conference Room, Public Works Building
504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258
Monday, October 11, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Present: Dennis Alexander, Marcy Brekken, Betsy Desy, Tony Doom, Kevin Henkel, Steve Ritter, Michelle Schultz
Absent: Wayne Budde, John Davidson
Staff: Rick Anderson
Guest: Anne LaPorte

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** Chairman Doom called the October meeting of the Lyon County Park Board to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2. Amend/Approve Agenda** Doom added five items for discussion under Miscellaneous: ADA Compliance concerning shelters and toilets, an update on the Friese Development, a board vacancy, Campground Host comments, and a presentation from Ms. LaPorte. Doom also suggested that Ms. LaPorte's presentation be moved up the agenda to follow the Correction/Approval of August 17 minutes. Ritter moved to approve the agenda as amended. Desy second. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Amend/Approve Minutes of 17 August, 2004 meeting** Anderson that it was Doom rather than Anderson that reminded Budde due to holding an advisory position on the board he was not eligible to make a motion concerning the Friese Development. Desy moved to approve the minutes as amended. Schultz second. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Anne LaPorte presentation** Ms. LaPorte was introduced to the board. Doom read letter received from Ms. LaPorte written August 17 concerning the safety of river crossings on horse trails. Ms. LaPorte clarified her letter to the board and answered questions from the board. Ms. LaPorte's concerns focus on the integrity of the riverbank--deep mud--and her hope that the board will address those concerns. It is her position that the crossings are unsafe and that many people do not ride in Garvin Park as a result. Henkel asked specifically where, on the trails, the problem crossings exist. LaPorte stated that left from the staging area, south from the flagpole. Desy expressed concern about erosion of the riverbank. Anderson stated that the river is constantly changing and that there are stringent constrictions from the DNR about anything that can be done to the river. Henkel stated that even though it seems a simple matter to put in a bridge, it would severely alter the character of the trails. The trails can be rerouted. Desy requested a map of the area. Henkel related that Lincoln County did what they thought was an improvement of their trails but many, in fact, most riders find the wide trails to be a much less satisfying experience. Doom requested a Trails committee. Henkel,

Desy, and Brekken appointed to committee. Committee will report at the January meeting. Board thanked LaPorte for her time and concern.

5. **Budget** Anderson stated that \$4,000 in line item Equipment and Machinery is for a truck on trade with the county ('94 model). The snow-maker is on hold. The Lincoln County EDA may want to take over the tubing enterprise in their park. The commissioners have approved budget.
6. **Open House** Doom thanked the board for all of their work on the Open House. General consensus that the Open House was a big success and that next year we need more pickles.
7. **Joint Meeting** The next meeting is November 8 with the representatives of area municipal and township parks. A letter has been sent to all present at the last joint meeting asking for agenda items by October 21. There will be an announcement in the *Marshall Independent*.
8. **Future Plans and Goals** A general discussion about future plans included the desire for a similar piece of the recently acquired playground equipment in the upper campground. The last piece cost between \$6,200-6,300. Park received \$4,500 in outside support: Lyon-Lincoln Electric Trust and area American Legions. State grant applications are due in February. When the playground equipment is replaced in the shelter area it will need to be handicap accessible and will cost a great deal more. Anderson stated that the existing equipment is reliable for a couple more years. A basketball hoop in the shelter area was suggested. Anderson talked about the idea of showing movies in the tubing area in the summer. Board members gave positive feedback to the idea.
9. **Miscellaneous**
 - ♦ ADA Compliance (Shelters and Toilets) Doom read a letter from People First pointing out access problems with the toilets and shelters. Anderson reported that the path and entrance to the toilets has been upgraded using recycled asphalt. The doors to the toilets are three feet wide. The areas in and around the shelters are paved with concrete. According to ADA code the structures are of an age that has been grandfathered in as far as compliance is concerned. Any new structures of course would have to pass the ADA code. The upgrading of the path to the toilets will be complete probably tomorrow.
 - ♦ Friese Development Update The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet tomorrow and the board's recommendation to ask for a monetary percentage (\$3,000) in lieu of land will be heard at that time. The \$3,000 will have to be used in Rock Lake Township or a request for release of the funds will have to be put to Rock Lake Township in the event the money is to be spent outside of the township.
 - ♦ Board Vacancy Doom read a letter of resignation from John Davidson. Mr. Davidson has moved out of the county and can no longer fulfill his obligations on the board. Alexander moved to accept Davidson's resignation with regrets. Schultz second. Motion passed unanimously. Brekken will send a thank you note to Davidson. Vacancy will remain until the new year.
 - ♦ Campground Host Comments Tabled until next meeting.
10. **Adjournment** Desy moved to adjourn. Henkel second. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Brekken