

CCPC Minutes

04-25-2024

Members present: Bob Franzen, Tom Erlandson, Steve Sandberg, Bob Dando, Dottie Lauricello, Martha Anderson, Jacob Bodway

Guests: Justin Rader, Jamie Reynolds, Pat Smith, Emma Cook, Theresa Draves, Bruce Robinson, Liza Bobseine, Bob Scudder

Stephanie and Don Banaszak, Cheryl and Dann Gulvin, Karl Dise, Jane and Joe McMaster, Michelle Woltz, Joseph Rollman

The meeting was called to order by Bob Franzen at the CC Airport conference room at 4:02 pm. Bob referred to Bruce Robinson County Forester to begin the meeting by explaining the county's forest management plan and process. Bruce Robinson spoke about how the county manages their forest properties. He explained that the county uses a successional management plan which is done through evaluation of the forest age, history, background (if in a recovery period or not) to determine how to manage the forest concerned and what way is best to handle that forest parcel. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the current county forest management plan set in 2010. Also discussed were issues regarding County parks vs. reforestation areas, forest health, timbering sales, viewscape clearing, management objectives and how they effect the forest, notice to the public of cutting, carbon credits, invasive species, sediment control, value of cutting vs. leaving the forest as is, habitat, and different views on how a forest should be handled. A request will be made to the county to hold off on the timbering of Luensman park at this time as requested by the Friends of Luensman group. A walk through of the park and trail property will be arranged by Jamie for all interested parties.

After the Luensman discussion the friends group departed and the meeting continued with approval of the March 2024 minutes as emailed to all. Martha will be sure to submit all approved minutes to the Legislature Clerk for posting on the website.

Twan Leenders has been approved as a Parks Commission member by the Legislature.

Justin presented the Operations report. The Parks remain closed until the beginning of May. The Harris Hill bridge project permit has been obtained and work will begin next week. The timber sale was ready to put out to bid but will be placed on hold at this time. The bathroom work at Luensman will begin next week under the direction of buildings and grounds. Jamie stated the Arkwright property has been completed- 41 acres obtained and will be marked and work can now be started on that. The parking area on Eggleston Hill Rd is awaiting work to be done with the fiber optics line by Consolidated Communications. The Parks Department has been granted another full-time employee who will work with Pat and the 4 seasonal employees. May 4th is the Workers Memorial Ceremony at Erlandson Park at 11:00 am, which marks the Park opening.

Bob reported nothing new from the Legislature for the Parks. He did speak to the Friends group also about Legislature information during the discussions.

Dorothy provided an update on the North Harmony Horse Trail. She handed out a map and discussion was held on the trail, remediation, re-routes, insurance and what will be needed by the county for approval to re-open that trail.

The next meeting of the CCPC will be May 23, 2024 at the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm

Martha Anderson, Secretary CCPC