



CARVER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – **October 23, 2024**
Carver County Public Works Building
11360 Hwy 212 West
Cologne, MN

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**
 - M. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Roll Call**
 - Present: Makiza Johnson, Reid Welch, Christine Fenner, & Jon Thom
 - Absent: Jenn Brewington, Scott Knight, & Mark Lagergren
 - Staff: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, & Hope Mack
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve the agenda made by R. Welch; Seconded by C. Fenner; Passed 4-0
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.1. 6/12/24 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2. 9/11/24 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes made by R. Welch; Seconded by C. Fenner; Passed 4-0
5. **Commissioner Liaison Report**
 - N/A
6. **Open to the Public**
 - N/A
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Request from the Southwest Trail Association to use a portion of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - Scott Wakefield presented a detailed plan for routes, signage, and

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communication with homeowners along the route. The Association has received approval from Camden Township and the City of New Germany. Once approved by the Park Commission, the permit will be on the 11/5/24 County Board agenda.

- Motion to approve made by M. Johnson, Seconded by R. Welch; Passed 4-0

8. Staff Reports

8.1. General Operations & Recreation Services

- Consultants are being reviewed for the Baylor RP Long Range Plan
- Work on the Coney Island Interpretive plan is progressing
- We've received a grant to fund renting a rock climbing wall
- Candlelit Nights at Baylor will be 2/15/25 & 2/22/25

8.2. Administrative Update

- Equipment is beginning to be installed at the Lake Minnewashta playground
- Work continues on the Circle the Brick Trail
- Construction on the Merriam Junction Trail will begin 11/4/24 and trail closures will be communicated
- Interviews for the Park Maintenance & Forestry Supervisor are on 11/6/24
- Roofing projects are occurring at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
- Final punch list items are being reviewed at Paradise Commons
- We plan to close on the Lake Minnetonka RT in November
- We will review the CIP at the November meeting

9. Commission Member Reports

- C. Fenner inquired if we have trail maps available
- R. Welch reported a new park is opening in Carver
- M. Johnson stated he will be resigning from the Park Commission after the December meeting

10. Next Meeting Date

- 11/13/24 at the Public Works building in Cologne

11. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 made by R. Welch; Seconded M. Johnson; Passed 4-0

Approved by: Makiza M. Johnson

Commission Chair

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Date

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