

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10 AM - Tuesday, November 20, 2018**  
**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**

## Meeting Notes

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Johnson, MN DNR      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt. Duane Simon, GF Police    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Greendahl, city of GF               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corey Birkholz, Options        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Flitter, city of GF             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Halford, GF Planning |   |

**I. Old Business**

**A. Wildlife population update**

- There has been an increase in deer sightings and reports from the south end of GF. The deer are starting to move into neighborhoods. Catherine reported hearing about six deer bedding in one yard on Chestnut Street. The area behind Reeves Drive has more deer activity in the past few weeks.
- GF is considering a count and online survey but still unsure about if a drone can be used to do the count. Northland has a class that does drone work. Reid will check to see if EGF is interested in participating in the count or survey.

**II. New Business**

**A. Summer wrap-up**

- The work on the Kennedy Bridge impacted the paved trail occasionally throughout the summer. The project is expected to be done by the end of the year. Seeding the construction areas is scheduled for next spring.
- The homeless population was not as noticeable this summer. The opening of the LaGraves on First housing unit has had a positive impact on getting homeless people off the streets.
- GF worked with the ND Game & Fish to fix the washout at the end of the north boat ramp. Riprap was added to the end of the ramp to provide more stability for driving boat trailers into the water when the river is low.
- Both cities spent a lot of time and money on tree cleanup after two windstorms. The campground and Lincoln Drive Park were the hardest hit. This was in addition to deferred maintenance in GF. Some items that were on the schedule for 2018 had to be deferred delayed because of the costs.

**B. Winter preparations**

- GF replaced some of the faded snowmobile and ski signs. The ski trail in Lincoln Drive Park was changed in the 2017 – 2018 season. The new route got rid of the hairpin turns and shortened the length. Many people liked the new trail but some did not.
- Freezeway update: Status unknown. Staff has not had any direct communication with Nick Jensen.
- The snowmobile route will stay the same as last season because of the work on the Kennedy Bridge. It should return to normal next season. Next week GF will be sending out a postcard to residents along the Greenway to remind everyone about snowmobile ordinances. Information will also be sent through the Greenway social media accounts.

- Catherine is going to work with the EGF Public Works staff to stop storing snow on the levee near the parking lot by the MN DNR office. The extra weight from the snow is causing the levee to slip and form a ridge.
- Catherine is going to ask the EGF police to make more rounds around the MN DNR office this winter because it was burglarized last winter.

**III. Agency updates**

**A. City of EGF:**

- The crew is working on getting the outdoor ice ready. They are putting on the base layers now and hope to open in December.
- Reid met with local angler Brad Durrick to discuss improvement to the downtown ramp. Adding another ramp south of that ramp would keep the facility open and could be used to cut down on congestion after the upgrades.
- Reid is going to bring forward to the City Council at an upcoming work session the possible funding opportunities for a new boat ramp through the MN Legacy Fund/DNR.
- Red Lake River Corridor projects were recommended for approval by the Greater MN Parks & Trails Commission, funded through the Legacy Grant. EGF applied for \$77,500 in projects for Kayak Launches and greenway improvements along the Red Lake River. The City share of this project would be \$19,735.

**B. GF Park District:**

- Santa Village will be starting in a few weeks.

**C. City of GF:**

- December has been quite for recreation but that has allowed time for yearend budget cleanup. Kim is working on the 2019 maintenance plan.

**D. Minnesota DNR:**

- The campers have cleared out for the season. The campground will be officially closed on November 11. Campership is up from last year.

**E. Other agencies:**

- **GF Fire:** An abandoned natural gas line located under the river just north of the old GF boat north of GF has been exposed. The fire department plans to mark the location of the pipe with buoys.

**IV. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10AM Tuesday, January 15, 2019, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.**

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

**Supporting documents:** None