

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) STAFF
10:30AM - Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Turtle River State Park

Meeting Notes

Bill Palmiscno, chairman
Sgt. Douglas Wright, GF police
Steve Mullally
Steve Crandall,
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Wes Rogers, Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian
User group

Guest: Richard O'Connor

- I. Steve Crandell, park manager at Turtle River State Park (TRSP). The North Dakota state park system is celebrating 50 years of operation this year. There are celebrating happening in the state parks throughout the summer. TRSP will be hosting a celebration on August 8 with ice cream social. The Dick King Swing band will be returning for their traditional concert on July 4. Annual attendance at the park has been around 100,000 people.

The park will open with full services on May 15. There is no longer a full time interpretor position at the park. This was only one of three such positions in the state. The outdoor learning center hasn't done well with schools. Transportation seems to be the biggest obstacle for the schools. Scout groups and home schoolers have used the facility more frequently.

The CIP includes plans to replace comfort station and maintenance shop but no longer includes a splash park. The pool and concession stand have been removed. There are plans to add flush toilets at CCC building.

II. Old Business

A. Special project request updates

a. River access in downtown GF

- B. **Advertising in the Greenway:** This policy is only to address billboard type advertising. There are already policies in place for donating amenities (benches, trash cans, etc.) and naming rights. The draft policy is acceptable but the locations still need to be defined. Steve noted that advertising is not allowed in the state parks.

The public is used to seeing billboard-type advertising on the chain link fences in ballparks and other athletic fields. The dog park would be a similar area.

The committee agreed to recommend allowing advertising signs that meet the criteria set in the Advertising Request form.

III. New Business

- A. **Kiosk maps:** Kim will work with Dave to reorder new maps for the kiosks. The existing maps are from 2002.

IV. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update

V. Agency Updates

- A. **City of EGF:** Poll estimates and bids were lower than expected. The plan is to do this work this year.
- B. **GF Park District:** A ban on tobacco use in the parks will begin in May. Smoking was banned in the softball fields and golf course with the city ordinance passed several years

ago. This ban will be enforced through respectful enforcement among park users. The outdoor fountains have not been opened yet because there is still frost in the ground.

- C. City of GF:** Staff is found several homeless camps along the river. The warmer weather has brought out the homeless out earlier than usual.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** Catherine would like to get the rope that is hanging from a tree over the river removed. Unleashed dogs are already an issue. Campground opened April 16. There are no services available yet but the campers knew that when they came to the site. Vandals recently broke more than twelve spigots and crews are working to repair the breaks. New geocaching site will open at 8AM.
- E. GF Police:** The department has hired intern for the summer. The Greenway will be one area of focus for this position..

VI. Next meeting: Greenway Technical Committee: 10:30AM on Tuesday, May 26, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

VII. Next meeting: Greenway Technical Committee STAFF, 10:30AM Tuesday, June 16, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist, city of Grand Forks

Supporting documents: Draft advertising policy 4/8/15
Draft advertising application 4/8/15
Draft advertising assessment 4/8/15