

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff meeting**  
**10 AM – Tuesday, August 15, 2023**  
**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**  
**Meeting Notes**

George Hellyer, GF Park District  
Sgt. Kris Brown, GF Police  
Steve Hell, GF Park District

Kim Greendahl, City of GF  
Teresa Flitter, City of GF

**I. Old Business**

**A. Desiree Drive fishing area project update:** The online survey for the residents who live in that area to gauge support to add a paved trail, expand and improve the fishing area, add a parking lot on the dry side of the levee, and add a playground. Of the fifty-eight responses received, most respondents supported adding a paved trail and improving the fishing area. Support for adding a playground and expanding the unpaved trail was split almost evenly. Adding a parking lot was split among all responses, but 74% of the residents on the affected street opposed the idea. The information will be sent to Todd Feland, GF city administrator, later this week for comment and directive.

**B. Snowmobile route extension proposal update:** This item was discussed at the July 17 GF City Council meeting. A recording of the meeting is available online at [www.grandforksgov.com](http://www.grandforksgov.com). The discussion can be found at the 1:59:13 mark in the meeting.

A working group will be formed to discuss potential routes for the entire community. EGF and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have asked to be included in the group because anything that happens with a route in GF impacts EGF. Representatives from the GF Council are Tricia Lunski and Kyle Kvamme. Any route in GF must be approved by the City Council.

**II. New Business**

**A. Committee chairperson discussion:** Reid has accepted the city administrator position in EGF. Jeremy King has been appointed the interim director. Reid has not indicated that he will continue with the committee, and we may need to fill the position this fall.

**III. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update:**

**A.** No greenway related items

**IV. Other**

**A. Disc and footgolf course:** Thanks to Steve and his crew for putting in the final baskets so the course could open. There has been a lot of activity, even before the course officially opened. The final step is installing a permanent sign stand with a map and game information.

- B. Equipment rental lockers:** The GF Park District and Kim are still looking for a vendor to provide automated lockers at some parks. The goal is to have free equipment available 24/7 by using an app to open the storage lockers.

**V. Agency updates**

- A. City of EGF:** None
- B. GF Park District:** Riverside Pool will close on Friday, August 18, for the season. The ND Parks & Recreation conference is coming to GF Sept 12 – 14. The concrete games at Lincoln Drive Park have been installed, and Steve is waiting for the equipment to play the games. A Gaga ball set has also been installed at the park. City of GF:
- C. City of GF:** Kim is still working with a consultant on a plan for renovating the area surrounding the floodwall downtown on DeMers. That plan will be shared with the city council as an update. The first piece of the plan to reorganize the landscaping will be implemented sometime shortly.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** None
- E. GF Police:** The new recruits will graduate from the law enforcement training in Devils Lake this week. Two or three interns will also be coming on board soon. The interns will focus on community patrol and outreach. Scheduling staff for the upcoming road races and events has been a challenge.

- VI.** Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee 10 AM Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Support documents: None

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