

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10AM – Tuesday, September 18, 2018**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Park District**

## Meeting Notes

Dr. Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center  
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR  
Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec

Corey Birkholz, Options  
Bill Palmiscino, Chair  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

### I. Old Business

- A. NASA Picture Post project update:** The original website was too complicated for most users. The University of New Hampshire, who oversees the project, received money to revamp and simplify the website. Laura had the GF Library make new octagon toppers on their 3D printer. She and Kim have installed the toppers. The only thing left to do is replace the signs with updated signs and publicize the project.
- B. Trail cams:** Kim is still looking for portable trail cams to monitor activity in the Greenway.
- C. “Report vandalism” signs:** These signs will be posted throughout the Greenway. User will be directed to call 911 to report suspicious or illegal activity.
- D. Nissan bench update:** The request was approved with the exception to the reference to a bible verse. Kim email the person who made the request but has not heard back from her yet.
- E. Wildlife population meeting update:** Every year staff has finds or gets reports of animals that have been tortured, abandoned, or injured in the Greenway. Not sure who to contact in most situations. A group met September 11 to discuss how to report abused or injured animals. Representatives from ND Game & Fish, MN DNR, EGF police, UND Biologist Jay Boulanger, Catherine, Reid, and Kim attended.

Birds with compound fractures are put down because rehabilitation isn't feasible. There are rehabilitation facilities in Devils Lake and the Twin Cities area but this is usually for protected species and certain birds (raptors, hawks, eagles, etc.). Volunteers must handle the transportation because of a lack of resources. Local birding groups may be able to assist with transportation. It's important to manage the expectation of the public in these situations. Part of the cycle of nature is that animals will die because of injury.

Instead of calling individual agencies or game wardens citizens should call 911 to report an injured, sick, or abandoned animal. Dispatch will determine who to contact based on the situation.

Some of these situations could fall under the definition of Wanton Waste. That is a Class B misdemeanor in ND. Harassing wildlife is also a crime.

Jay is an assistant professor in Wildlife Ecology and Management, Human Dimensions of Wildlife, Human-Wildlife Conflicts at UND. He has experience with wildlife management and policy decisions. He recommended starting with a GIS map of deer populations in the city limits followed by a citizen wildlife survey to get a benchmark on public opinion. The tipping point for turning public opinion will be a deer doing harm to a human or discovering Lyme disease within city limits. People will change their feelings about a hunt to cut down the population.

Minot & Fargo have recently started archery hunts within the city limits to manage their deer population. The police department manages the program with assistance from the ND Game & Fish Department.

Jay would be interested in doing a citizen wildlife survey but probably can't fit it in this year. Kim will work with him to determine timing and costs. The survey would include both cities.

**II. New Business**

- A. Kennedy Bridge project:** All lanes are expected to be open by November 1. There will be some cleanup and turf seeding next spring.
- B. Pollinator garden:** The Grand Cities Bird Club has proposed a pollinator garden in Sertoma Park. They are working with the GF Park District and Audubon Dakota on size and design.

**III. Agency Updates**

- A. City of EGF:** Planning to remove the floating dock by September 24. The trailheads will close September 30. This includes the fountains.
- B. GF Park District:** Planning to shut off the fountains by the end of the month.
- C. City of GF:** The floating dock has been removed. Kim is updating the ski signs to get rid of the faded signs and add etiquette signs for some of the entry points.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** Even with the cooler weather and the end of summer there are still a lot of campers. The temporary beet harvest workers will be arriving soon.

**IV. Next meeting: Greenway Technical Committee:** 10AM on Tuesday, October 16, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Picture Post webpage  
Proposed 911 signs  
Copy of Nissan bench request



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## NASA Picture Post Program

The Greenway is a participant in the NASA Picture Post Program, a part of the Digital Earth Watch (DEW) network. DEW supports environmental monitoring by citizens, students, and community organizations through digital photography and satellite imagery.

### What is a Picture Post?

A Picture Post is an 8-sided platform located on posts strategically located throughout the Greenway. These platforms provide a consistent format for taking pictures of the landscape and sky.

### How does it work?

1. Take digital photos at a designated Picture Post site.
2. Send the digital photographs to the Greenway website.
3. Continue to take pictures on a regular basis.
4. Monitor the environmental changes with the image analysis tools on the Picture Post website.
5. Continue to take photos on a regular basis.
6. Share this project and results with others dedicated to environmental monitoring.

### How do I submit photos from the posts?

Photos can be submitted to our email at [greenway@grandforksgov.com](mailto:greenway@grandforksgov.com) (<mailto:greenway@grandforksgov.com>). Please allow 3 - 5 business days for photos to be posted.

### Are these photos online?

Photos will be available online once we have an archive of photos to display.

For more information call 701-738-8746 or email us at [greenway@grandforksgov.com](mailto:greenway@grandforksgov.com) (<mailto:greenway@grandforksgov.com>).



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**to report suspicious or  
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## Greenway Bench Donation Program

Yes, I would like to participate in the Greenway Bench Donation Program. I understand that my monetary donation of is tax deductible.

I would like to purchase:

New bench (\$1,500)

Plaque for existing bench (\$500)

Preferred location (subject to availability) Sertoma Park or Lions Park

Inscription for plaque (limit of 21 characters per line, 3 line limit; subject to approval)

Sarah Jean Nissen, 35

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ITEM	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Bench & plaque	\$1,500		
Plaque only	\$ 500	1	\$500
		<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>\$500</b>

Name: Sarah Pruden

Address: 12388 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

City, State and Zip Code Maple Grove, MN 55369

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Please return this order form to:

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EGF City Hall  
600 DeMers Avenue  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

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