



City of Grand Forks

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E – MEMORANDUM

To: Travis Hagen, GF Disc Golf Association
From: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist
Date: January 2, 2013
Subject: Request to expand and realign disc golf course in lower Lincoln Drive Park

You have been granted conditional approval of your request to expand and realign the disc golf course in lower Lincoln Drive Park. This request was based on the revised map that was submitted on December 3, 2012 and approved at the December 11, 2011 meeting of the Greenway Technical Committee staff. The notes from that meeting are enclosed with this memo.

The committee would like to monitor the impact these changes may have on other park users through 2013. The goals of the committee are to limit user conflict and provide a variety of recreational opportunities in the park.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon**

Steve Mullally, Chair
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec

Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guests: Tom Stennes and Mike Yannish

I. Old Business

a. Special project request updates

- i. Disc golf course at Riverside Park:** The disc golf association has not submitted a revised plan.
- ii. Disc golf course at Lincoln Drive Park:** The disc golf association submitted a revised map for adding three holes and using the detention pond for one hole. The committee granted temporary approval for these revisions one year. User conflict will be monitored for one season. The holes will be removed or reconfigured if they conflict with the dog park or other park features.
- iii. Boathouse along the river:** Andy Magness was unable to attend the meeting and give an update to the committee. He has updated Melanie and Kim that the proposed location has changed to the lower parking lot north of DeMers Avenue. Staff will continue to work with Andy to guide him through the approval process. The financial and management arrangements are still items for discussion with the City and GF Park District. Andy has met with GF Park District staff and some members of the GF City Council. He will be meeting soon with the GF Fire Chief to address water safety issues.
- iv. Bocce ball courts:** Maegin Rude has been commissioned to produce drawings of the 7th avenue north access. These drawing will show options on how to fit bocce ball, horseshoes pits, a nature play area and cross-country ski trail in the area.
- v. Changes and upgrades to the entrance to Christmas in the Park:** The Lions' Clubs installed temporary poles to display lighted scroll decorations at the entrance to Christmas in the Park.

II. New Business

a. Special project request:

- i. Radio control flying site:** Tom Stennes has submitted a project request form for the installation of a radio control-flying site. The proposed site is just off business highway 2 in EGF, near the sugar beet plant.

Flying is a major theme in Grand Forks because of the aerospace center and military base. Tom and Mike would like to build a flying field and establish a radio control aeronautics (RCA) club to support the sport. Radio control pilots are using a temporary field now but having a permanent field would make establishing a club much easier. They are also struggling with FAA requirements to stay out of national air space. This would not be an issue in EGF.

RCA flying can only be used in a community organization that follows the organization rules. Have to stay out of flight patterns. This is a problem in GF.

The club would carry liability insurance for the field through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Membership in AMA is required in order to be covered under the policy. The landowner could also require membership to use the field.

Proposed area is on high ground that seldom floods. A trailer would be brought to the site for storing some supplies and ground maintenance equipment. There is a dirt road access over the top of the levee. The site will need some preparation to level the dirt for the takeoff and landing field. The group would like to work with the City of EGF for assistance on this work. Tom and Mike will work with Dave on this matter.

The committee supports this idea as an outdoor activity that fits into the mission of the Greenway. Kim will draft a letter of support from the committee.

- ii. **Greenway intern for 2013:** Kim was contacted by a UND Parks and Recreation student who would like to do an internship in the Greenway this summer. The committee agreed to offer a 2013 internship and stipend of \$1,500 to the student. This is the standard stipend offered by the GF Park District. The cost of this stipend will be shared between the City of GF and the GTC. (Attach: Scope of Work).
- iii. **Annual promotional fees:** Current fund balance is \$1,736 with an outstanding invoice for \$700 to the GF CVB for half the cost of the advertisement in the visitors guide. The GF Park District will be mailing the annual invoices later this month.

I. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group:** The group is working on a letter of request to Mayor Brown regarding improvements to the bikeway system.

II. **Greenway Agency Updates**

- a. **City of EGF:** Staff continues to work on getting the ice rinks ready for use. The MN DNR will be adding a virtual tour of the campground on their website. This was part of a project for all MN state parks. We will link to the video when it is available.
- b. **GF Park District:** Santa Village will be starting next weekend for 2 weeks. There are still a few times available for rent. Staff is working on prepping the ice rinks.
- c. **City of GF:** No report.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report.

III. **Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: January 8, 2013 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, City of Grand Forks

Supporting documents: Revised course map for lower Lincoln Drive Park dated 12/3/12
Project Request for Radio Control Airplanes