

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff
Meeting Notes
GF Park District Office Conference Room
10:30 am – June 7, 2005**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District
Gladwin Lynne, MN DNR

Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF
Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

Special guest: Rachel Gordon, Intern with the GF Park District

- I. **Pedestrian Bridge Dedication (south end):** Will wait to host an official ceremony until the East Grand Forks trail to the bridge is ready. Expected completion for the bridge is this fall, possibly the end of September. Melanie will ask Greg Boppre if East Grand Forks is expected to be ready by then.

- II. **Snowmobile Trails in Greenway:** Grand Forks and East Grand Forks will need to agree on bridge policy for snowmobile use. Melanie will submit a staff report to the Grand Forks City Council requesting permission to research and gather public input on this issue. Concerns that will need to be addressed will include damage to the bridge from studded belts, snowmobiles in the greenway at all, snowmobiles only on one bridge, and protective surfaces. Gladwin will check on MN DNR policy for snowmobiling on bridges and if it is allowed, how are the bridge decks protected.

If this request is accepted, the committee would like to set up a special meeting in July to discuss this matter. The Greenway Technical Committee will be invited and a public notice will be sent to media outlets.

- III. **Trail Signage for Distances:** The committee would like to develop a template for spray painting on the trail system to designate distance.

- IV. **Greenway Directional Sign Plan:** Melanie will work on implementing this project, doing the signs for both cities. Regarding canoe portage signs, the Greenway is responsible for erecting any of this type of sign. The committee would like to have canoe portage by all the boat ramps and pedestrian bridges and river miles on all bridges.

Melanie will make a request to the USACE to put signs on the bridges. Kim will check on international symbols used for basic needs (toilet, water, etc.)

- V. **North Boat Ramp Dedication:** The Grand Forks City Council approved a request to name the new north boat ramp after a one time local angler, John Little. The boat ramp will be named the "Whopper John" Little boat ramp.

- VI. **Other:**

MN DNR Hiking Club: A section of trail in the East Grand Forks Greenway has been added to the MN DNR Hiking Club Program and the signs have been erected. The blue signs designate the trail.

Next Greenway Technical Staff Mtg. July 12, 2005 – 10:30 am at Itasca State Park

Upcoming Greenway Events: Grand Cities Art Fest June 11 & 12

Upcoming Workshops/Conferences:

Trail Link 2005- International Trails & Greenways Conf. July 27-30th in Minneapolis/St. Paul (for more information www.railtrails.org)

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