

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff  
Meeting Notes  
GF Park District Office Conference Room  
10:30 am – August 16, 2005**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Dale Skyberg, EGF Parks & Rec  
Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF  
Gladwin Lynne, MN DNR

- I. Pedestrian Bridge Dedication (south end):** The bridge deck has been completed, but the contractor is still working on the approaches as well as miscellaneous items. Swingen Construction has asked that we wait with any dedication celebration. The East Grand Forks trails are not in place yet, with no timeline for completion. There is a problem with the land acquisition in the area of the EGF trail connection. The approximate length of trail from north to south bridges is 9 miles.

Residents of north EGF have circulated a petition requesting a meeting with the EGF City Council. That meeting has been set for August 23. Their concerns are the location of the bridge and unwanted traffic through their neighborhood. Breaking the contract with the contractor would be expensive at this stage in the construction.

- II. Rules and Regulations and snowmobile policies:** The committee will forward the recommendation to the Grand Forks City Council to review the Greenway Rules & Regulations, which addresses snowmobile use in the Greenway. The City of Grand Forks Engineering Department is still working with the Red River Snowmobile Club on route options. Recommend that bridges be shared by snowmobiles and other user groups although restrict speed to 10 mph and have some sound restrictions.

Dale would like to allow golf carts on the trails. The committee would like to consider a permitting policy for vehicles such as golf carts, which could be used by the senior center for tours, etc. Each managing agency would have the authority to issue permits to be displayed on the cart.

- III. Signage for Trail Distances:** Should it be measured in miles or kilometers? The MN DNR marks their trails in miles. Runners usually know how to convert miles to kilometers but walkers are more familiar with miles. Dale likes granite markers (4" x 4") along the trail with a painted stripe on the path to show it during the winter. He will find out the cost on granite markers.

How do you determine the start point for measuring trails? Mark the main trail loop north to south in Grand Forks and South to North in East Grand Forks, then do the spurs separately. Half or quarter mile? Kim will research this with the National Parks System. Gladwin will have trail usage numbers available for the next meeting.

- IV. Meeting with Friends of the Greenway:** The committee would like to meet with the Friends of the Greenway to discuss how they can be more involved and possibly help

get the word out to the public about what is happening in the Greenway. This will be a topic of the September Greenway Technical Committee meeting and other Friends members will be invited to attend along with their representative Ann Sande.

**V. UND Wellness Center Request-** more discussion to follow

**VI. Editorial on Greenway Technical Committee:** Committee members are asked to send any revisions and edits to Kim by Thursday, August 28.

**VII. Other**

- a. North end pedestrian bridge: The bridge will come in near the old #17 tee box (between the tee box and green).
- b. Campground: Camping will be done September 15 and will begin again May 1, 2006. The MN DNR office will close for the winter beginning in October. Gladwin will be retiring at that time.
- c. EGF boat ramp: Construction is slated to begin September 6.

**Next Greenway Technical Mtg. September 13, 2005 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District**

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