

**Recreational Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Committee Members Present:** Karen Mulari (C), Larry Knutson, Ben Grimsley, Lonnie Neuner, Hank Ludtke, Steve Lindow, Del Bergseth, Katherine Warren, Dennis Hopman

**Staff Present:** Guy Fischer

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Jerry Schram

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
  - November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting Minutes approved; Lonnie motion, Ludtke 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried.
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda approved; Lonnie motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hopman – motion carried
2. Open Forum: Jerry Schram spoke about permanent deer stands at Shell Lake and thought that permanent stands should be allowed.
3. Shell Lake Block Discussion: Discussion about meeting with Shell Lake Block Township to discuss recreational options for this area. Fischer had been in touch with the Shell Lake Township clerk and mentioned that at their last Township meeting they requested that the County host the meeting. There was availability to have the meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall with a potential time of 6 p.m..

Discussion about next steps and Mulari would present and facilitate discussion (needed supplies for presentation and community involvement) with participants to determine what recreational options or opportunities they would want in the Shell Lake Block. No going into the meeting with any plan simply seeking input. Further discussion about scope of outreach to local community via mail/flyers (Mulari/Knutson) with desire to expand to some of the surrounding area to draw a bigger ring of participants. Explore use of Every Door Direct Mail (Grimsley) to determine if mailing costs could be reduced by bulk mailing. Staff will explore.

4. Trail Connections Project for Mt. View, Detroit Mt., Heartland Trail, and Dunton Locks in conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS). Discussion of recent meeting with NPS contact Randy Thoreson in which he came to town and subsequent phone conference with Randy/NPS and Steve Roos and Dewey Thorbeck of the Center for Rural Design to discuss potential next steps. Some question of Where, How, What for (Mattison) Fischer provided explanation of NPS project, some of the interest and rationale and the thought was to gather stakeholders to discuss project scope and potential Center for Rural Design involvement in the trails connection project. Bergseth/Ludtke interested in participating.
5. Lake Park – Wetland Restoration Project. Neuner talked about the restoration project and that the City was working with the Buffalo Red River Watershed District; opportunities for recreation also would be explored – potential walking path around restored wetland area.
6. Next RAC meeting; Some discussion on when next RAC meeting would be scheduled: no meeting in May, RAC meeting will be scheduled after meeting with Shell Lake Township. Next RAC meeting will be held in June (June 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 4:00-5:30. Meeting adjourned.