

**Recreational Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015**

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

**Staff Present:** Guy Fischer, Eric Evenson

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Tony Schmitz, Jeff Staley, Willis Mattison

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:

- July Meeting Minutes approved; Hopman motion, Neuner 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried.
- August Agenda approved; Ludtke motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hopman – motion carried

2. Open Forum: -

3. Detroit Mt./Mt. View

- GMRPTC Grant: Scope of the Legacy grant was discussed. Larry Remmen from Detroit Lakes discussed grant scope (Detroit Mt. and Mt. View). Overall approx. \$2.6 Million will be requested for trail and facility development and land acquisition. Relative to Mt. View an estimated \$342,000 would be requested for trail and facility development. Anticipating that the grant application form will appear on the GMRPTC website soon. Maintenance agreement discussion: (Knutson) discuss maintenance, but County would retain management. Knutson requested staff to set up meeting with applicable DMRA/City representatives to meeting with commissioners (Knutson/Grimsley) to discuss.
- Dunton Locks: Was not being considered part of the scope for Legacy grant (Remmen) as it lies outside the proximity of Detroit Mt. and Mt. View. Staff discussed preliminary cost estimate (est. \$79,000 construction +\$5,000 design build plan) for development of 1.7 miles of trail development. Sought recommendation from RAC to proceed.

Discussion about next steps for Dunton Locks project. Planning process/public outreach – stakeholders group (Mulari) other things at Mt. View to be considered that should be improved – how to reach out to public to have that conversation. Mulari introduced Randy Thoreson from National Park Service who provides technical assistance to communities. Thoreson noted that per a request for assistance (from the County/stakeholders) he had initially visited the area earlier this past spring and saw Detroit Mt., Mt. View and Dunton Locks. Some discussion of scope and type of planning efforts; outreach to Shell Lake Block/Township (Knutson); hold 3 stakeholder meetings: one for Dunton Locks, one for Shell Lake Block and one for Mt. View. Grimsley expressed concern about getting things done and if the RAC was necessary - not much has been accomplished. Importance of building consensus and determining what's to be done (Mattison) - (Thoreson) there are limits to consensus not everyone is going to agree – prefers the term informed consent - also not a proponent of developing plans that sit on shelves. Evenson – what would be the outcome of holding a public meeting for Dunton Locks? Grimsley – interest in building multi-use trails. Per ongoing discussion, Thoreson mentioned as a possible idea a design Charrette for Dunton Locks that could accommodate moving forward and incorporate public discussion and that he could help facilitate that meeting and could work with County staff/stakeholders and ID other relevant resources to help put it together. RAC recommended holding a Charrette soon (4-6 weeks) for Dunton Locks.

4. Meeting Adjourned.