

## **Recreational Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 13, 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Flr. EOC – Courthouse**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Committee Members Present:** Karen Mulari, Hank Ludtke, Del Bergseth, Larry Knutson, Ben Grimsley, Dennis Hopman

**Staff Present:** Guy Fischer, Dan McLaughlin

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Bryan Schoenberg, Dave Larson, Matthew Davis, Tony Schmitz, Heidi Arnold, Irene Johnson, Gale Kaas, Tricia Bellefeuille, Mark Lindquist, Donald Schermerhorn, Mandy Cymbaluck, Diane Bellefeuille, Chris Holt, Susie Reitmeier, Jayne Waisanen, Susan Syvertson, Keith and Kathy Brekken

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of May MM; Dennis motion, Del 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- 3) Approval of June Agenda; Hank motion, Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
- 4) Open Forum – No speakers
  - Karen explained what RAC does to attendees: Knutson explained that Commissioners who sit on the RAC do not vote.
- 5) LAMBAT proposal to build 1.5 miles of new Mt. Bike Trails at Mt. View and Horse Riding Discussed:
  - B. Schoenberg: 1.5 miles of new single track trail (sustainable) is being proposed at Mt. View. Goal of new design is to stay within boundaries of ccx ski/horseback riding trails. Approx. 3 miles of existing mt. bike trails and 3 miles of existing ccx ski/horseback riding trails. LAMBAT volunteers to build trails; will stay out of low lying wet areas.
  - **Comments from horse riding enthusiasts:**
    - We'd like more horse trails.
    - Use Mt. View everyday – no problem with proposal as long as its (horse riding) not taken away.
    - Mt. View and State Forest (Smoky Hills) only places to ride in the County. Otherwise some mentioned Maplewood, Cheyenne National Grasslands, Medora, private land
    - No changes to horse trails
    - Mowing needed at Mt. View for horse trails
    - Dangerous crossing (blind spot) where tar hits gravel on Tower Rd. – more signage needed.

- More trails, longer trails with grade and switchbacks
- Horse riding supports local businesses – lots of supplies and services
- Lack of accesses – places to park to use Co. forest roads/trails
- Some competing with other users in particular Cat. 2 side by side ATV's on tax forfeited land and/or Smoky Hills.
- MN Horse Council has \$ for trail development/maintenance – grant writing assistance and planning assistance needed.
- **Comments from RAC members/others:**
  - Encourage group to get together and develop proposal.
  - Back Country Horseman of America could provide some assistance for planning for more horse trails (M. Davis) will contact and connect with RAC staff.
  - National Parks Service – Randy Thoreson may be able to assist.
  - Create bigger parking area at Mt. View to accommodate horse trailers – look at going deeper as width may be an issue.
  - Provide some assistance with grant writing.
  - Mow horse riding trails – STS
  - Also look at widening entrance to accommodate horse trailers.
  - Provide more trail signage
  - Move forward with LAMBAT proposal

**RAC Recommendations:**

RAC motion to move forward with LAMBAT proposal to build 1.5 miles of new mountain bike trails at Mountain View.

RAC also recommends building a bigger parking lot at Mt. View to accommodate horse trailers/users and provide more signage at Mt. View.

Staff is developing directional signage for Mt. View and will explore options for parking lot expansion and entrance widening.

Also: There was some sidebar discussion about providing a dual entrance or U at Mt. View, but there are some width constraints. Opportunities for expansion of acreage?

Meeting adjourned. (5:40 p.m.)