

Le Sueur County Parks Board
January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Rohlfig, John King, Mark Volkenant, Brigid Tuck, and Mike Schultz

Parks Director: Tyler Luethje

Absent: Larry Maruska, Charles Richter

1. Call to order at 5:00
2. Approval of agenda, motion by Rohlfig
3. Approval of November minutes, motion by King, second by Volkenant, motion carries
4. Election of officers
 - a. President – Larry Maruska
 - b. Vice President – Mike Schultz
 - c. Secretary – Brigid Tuck
 - d. Unanimous slate
 - e. Motion by King, second by Rohlfig, motion carries
5. Lake Washington Campground annual summary
 - a. Number of camp nights have increased
 - i. Mostly return visitors and word of mouth
 - ii. We have a good reputation – large sites and clean, good caretakers
 - iii. Sold out every weekend in summer
 - iv. Average distance traveled is 32 miles (for those in the state)
 - v. 17 states represented
 - b. Revenues are up too, have steadily increased since 2012
 - c. Campground opened 2012 – pavilion, etc.
 - d. County park access to broadband
 - i. Could increase use of community building
 - e. Miscellaneous revenues
 - i. Would like to increase rentals of picnic shelter and community building
 - f. Review of expenses
 - i. Biggest costs are for caretakers, electric, and mowing.
6. Clear Lake Campground
 - a. Mostly coming from Le Sueur and New Prague and local visitors
 - b. Average length of stay is 2.65 nights
 - c. Average group size was 2.24 people
 - d. Revenue was mainly stable
7. Richter Woods Barn rentals
 - a. Graduations and non-profits are primary use
 - b. Revenues are fairly stable
8. 2019 budget
 - a. Reviewed total expenses and revenues
9. 2020 budget
 - a. Mostly plan to remain stable
10. Bradshaw Woods

- a. Eagle Scout working on stands
 - b. Should be up and running this spring
 - c. Could host a grand opening
11. Lake Volney report
- a. Would like a fishing pier
 - b. Sheriff's posse has some funding for a fishing pier
 - c. DNR could pay part; or private groups could pick up the local match
12. Fish Lake public access
- a. Southern MN Darkhouse and Angling Association
 - b. Would like to purchase a dock for the lake
 - c. Popular fishing lake; very clear
 - d. Hopefully in May
13. Park ordinance review
- a. Tyler still needs to review
 - b. Tyler to look into process
14. Other
- a. Review rental uses
 - b. Marketing plan
15. Plan for next meeting
- a. Mark and Steve will be gone
 - b. Could review park ordinances
16. Future meetings - February 18th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th
17. Motion to adjourn, John King, Mark, 5:53 pm