

**Le Sueur County Parks Board**  
**May 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Charles Richter, Larry Maruska, Mike Schultz, Brigid Tuck, Mark Volkenant, John King, and Steve Rohlfig

Parks Director: Tyler Luethje

Absent: None

Call to order – 4:31 pm

1. Agenda additions or changes - none
2. Approve March minutes, motion by Mike Schultz, second by Charles Richter, motion carries
3. Introductions – no guests
4. Bradshaw Woods Archery Range – May 22, 10:00 am
  - a. Donors invited
  - b. Eagle Scout is bringing family/supporters
  - c. Media invited
  - d. Posted on social media
  - e. Will be games and grand opening event
5. Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
  - a. Good start with camping – sold out Mother’s Day weekend & last weekend, mostly sold out for summer; more uptick in weekday stays
  - b. Discussion: are there other opportunities to generate revenue? Selling merchandise, small vendor, vending machine, food truck?
  - c. Shower house – open on weekends, closed overnight for cleaning; considering keeping close during week, since low usage from park campers
  - d. Community building – getting a quote for air conditioning, even if it a window unit, we are losing rentals since it is not available; fall/winter meeting will discuss rental fees
  - e. New basketball hoop
  - f. Professional services proposal – Tyler recommends going with ISG for all pre-construction work; we reviewed a quote; pre-work starts in August of 2021, with construction slated for April 2022
  - g. Archaeological study – accepted contract & will start doing work within the next month
6. Gorman Lake Dam & Park
  - a. At March meeting, discussed the entrance; turn road into walking path with parking lot up front; will be working on this summer
7. COVID, facilities, events
  - a. With newest guidelines – all facility rentals are back to normal, no more limits/masks required; all is open back up
8. Future park improvements
  - a. Lake Emily park – could drive more foot traffic; has picnic table, new dock would be good; county owns the island – are there potential ideas for development/use as a park? Could we have kayaks for rent? Self-serve kayak machines are available; could do store your own

system; opportunity to expand the dock? More fishing opportunities; year-round DNR dock?  
Parking would be a consideration

- b. Funding this year for smaller projects will be more limited this year, the study at Lake Washington will be using most of it
  - c. St Peter dog park – status quo
9. Other
- a. Ney Nature Center – full slate of summer programs; youth programs filling up
  - b. Planting to prairie – will start in fall
  - c. Plan for next meeting; will return to in-person in August
10. Future meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; 5:00-6:00
- a. August 17, October 19, December 21;
11. Adjourn at 5:14 pm, motion by John King, second by Charles Richter, motion carries