

REGULAR ANDOVER OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
September 8, 2021
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Andover Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairperson Kim Kovich at 7:09 p.m. at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Chairperson Kovich noted that prior to the meeting the group toured Martin's Meadows Preserve.

Commissioners present: Erik Lindberg, Ryan Ingebritson, and Jim Olson
Commissioners absent: Jen Vedadi
Also present: Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician

RESIDENT FORUM

No one wished to address the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –June 16, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Lindberg, Second by Commissioner Ingebritson, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2021. Motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL CROSSING AT DALSKA WOODLANDS PRESERVE

Mr. Kytonen summarized the item and indicated that it would be nice to get a crossing from the north upland area to the south area. At the last meeting, cost information was shared about a boardwalk installed at an Isanti County Park. Mr. Kytonen stated that at the last meeting, Commissioner Olson volunteered to gather cost estimate information about a boardwalk installed in Wisconsin, which Chairperson Kovich visited recently.

Commissioner Olson stated he did some research and figured that if he were to build one on his own, it would be approximately \$130 per linear foot. The group discussed the length of the boardwalk needed and determined it was best to go with 200 feet as an estimate. Thus, the estimated for materials would be around \$25K.

Commissioner Lindberg asked if this could be an Eagle Scout project. Commissioner Ingebritson said safety and integrity of the boardwalk is important. Mr. Kytonen said it's a possibility an Eagle Scout group could help build portions of the boardwalk. Chairperson Kovich confirmed the boardwalk is in the 2023 CIP for \$25K. Mr. Kytonen indicated that's correct.

Chairperson Kovich stated he will get estimates from the Wisconsin boardwalk and email to the group. Mr. Kytonen stated he will keep an eye on potential grant opportunities as well.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

Chairperson Kovich asked about joint meeting timing. Mr. Kytonen stated that it would likely be in November, but would check with the City Administrator to confirm.

Chairperson Kovich stated that obviously the Dalske crossing would be on the agenda for the joint meeting. He noted that the new access to Martin's Meadows has been almost completed and a "thank you" to the City Council would be in store at the joint meeting.

He brought up overall involvement of the Open Space Advisory Commission would be an important discussion item. He further explained about the ability to comment where developments are close to the preserves. Commissioner Ingebritson stated a member could attend a P and Z or City Council meeting early on. Commissioner Olson stated the Commission wants to be involved.

Mr. Kytonen stated that he would email a final list of discussion items to the commission soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Kovich noted that Councilmember Butler put newsletter article together on the preserves.

a. Next Meeting: December 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Ingebritson, Second by Commissioner Lindberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kameron Kytonen
Natural Resources Technician

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