

# RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

## PARK TOUR NOTES

August 8, 2018, 6:00 pm – 9:00pm

Attending: Leah Shepard, Metric Giles, Melissa Wenzel, Bryan Shirley and Louise Krohn  
Guests: Dianne Ward (RWMWD), Larry Swope (RWMWD), Lee Lucas, and Raintree Sauk  
Not in Attendance: Brian Tempas, Candy Petersen, Gale Pederson, Kong Vang,

Staff: Jon Oyanagi, Mike Goodnature, Scott Yonke, Ann White Eagle, Ken Pelto, Mark McCabe, Kris Lencowski, Justin Townsend, Brian Olsen and Angela Marlette

### **Battle Creek Regional Park**

Battle Creek Water Works: Kris Lencowski

Scott Yonke: Playground and Redesign

Battle Creek Park: Mike Goodnature

PINE Program: Ken Pelto

Off-Leash Dog Area: Kris Lencowski

### **Soil & Water Conservation Division Project at Crestview Forest Townhomes**

Brian Olsen: The raingarden at the Club House installed for the townhome association and designed by staff at the Soil & Water Conservation Division. It was funded through our Community Partners Grant and through Ramey Washington Metro Watershed District's cost-share program. The garden captures polluted runoff from roof and parking lot before it enters the pond and drains into the Fish Creek Watershed. It is an 800 square foot raingarden that treats water from a 10,654 square foot watershed. The raingarden captures the water, and through rock/amended soils and native plantings helps to infiltrate, treats pollutants from the runoff water. The raingarden reduces 13,721 cubic feet per year of runoff water, reduces 47 pounds per year of suspended solids and reduces 0.25 pounds per year of phosphorous. These pollutant reductions help the quality of water that enters the surface water system of Fish Creek to be cleaner and healthier.

### **Battle Creek Park: Lower Afton Rd, Gorge Entrance**

Jon Oyanagi: Discussed trail usage in the gorge and unique environment of the bike trails

Mark McCabe: Battle Creek Winter Recreation Area

Mike Goodnature: Discussion on newly found invasive species

### **Pig's Eye Lake Island Building Project**

Jon Oyanagi: Discussed while on the bus in route to Fish Creek Open Space

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers completed a feasibility study on the creation of six islands. The study shows that the project is feasible and a funding application was submitted to Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

### **Fish Creek Open Space:**

Jon Oyanagi, Ann White Eagle, Brian Olsen

Jon make the group aware of the extensive park restoration and trail development that was done by Ramsey County Parks & Recreation in collaboration with the City of Maplewood. Ann White Eagle and Brian Olsen went into detail on current projects regarding invasive weed species while Mike Goodnature discussed native restoration projects.

### **Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Tour**

Tour guided by Dan MacSwain: Natural Resources Coordinator Washington County