



**Addenda**  
**Minnetonka Park Board**  
**Meeting of Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

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- **PHOTOS RECEIVED FROM LARRY WADE AFTER PACKET WAS DISTRIBUTED.**



Original extent of the Big Woods (light green) and the Forests that exist today (dark Green)



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- **EMAILED COMMENT AFTER PACKET WAS DISTRIBUTED.**

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**Meeting date**

10/7/20

**Agenda item**

Trail along Bren Road between Lone Lake Park and Shady Oak Road

**Comment**

I have been excited to watch the progress of the 2020 Mill and Overlay Project that has been fixing the sidewalks and resurfacing the street along Rowland Road between Baker Road and Whitewater Drive. As a recent resident nearby on Bren Road, and lifelong Minnetonka resident, I am writing today to advocate for a future sidewalk trail segment between Shady Oak Road and the Lone Lake Park side entrance. I have been in touch with city staff who have kindly let me know that this trail segment is already on the road map for future development, and that it is prioritized as #25 out of 71 identified future trails in Minnetonka. I understand trails #1-5 have been programmed, but #25 could be many many years away. I am hoping with enough neighborhood support we may be able to influence the timing of this particular trail to be sooner as I believe it would greatly benefit the safety of Bren Road. Currently, families and children walk and bike on the shoulder of Bren Road to get to the existing Rowland Road sidewalk — though it feels unsafe with lack of a sidewalk, multiple blind spots due to curves in the road, overhanging trees and a fairly fast speed limit. The curves combined with the morning sunrise and evening sunset make it almost impossible to see someone approaching in the shoulder space and I see cars frequently veering into the shoulder. Not only would a sidewalk improve the safety but could also increase the use of the Lone Lake Park and Bryant Lake Park trails. Additionally, I understand Opus 2 will be the home of a Light Rail Station in about 3 years and I imagine we will see an uptick in neighborhood pedestrians walking on Bren Road to Shady Oak Road to get to the transit station.

Thank you,





**Item 6B – Review park signage**

- **EMAILED COMMENT AFTER PACKET WAS DISTRIBUTED.**

**From:** Linda Russell

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 3:26 PM

**To:** Nelson Evenrud; James Durbin; Chris Gabler; Elena Imaretska; David Ingraham; Ben Jacobs; Christopher Walick; Brian Kirk

**Subject:** interpretive signs for Lone Lake Park

Hello Park Board Members and Council Member Kirk,

I see on your Oct. 7 Park Board agenda that signage for parks is being discussed. I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Lone Lake Park regarding the interpretive signs for that park. Your inventory mentions 12 interpretive signs, but all except one have been removed because they were falling apart. The one remaining sign is in the lake (high water has obliterated that part of the trail), so has not been removed yet. There is a large "billboard" type sign as you enter the park on the west side (which is not too functional as the glass has been removed), and there is another attached to the restroom building, but that is all that is left.

City Manager Barone said at a City Council Meeting that new interpretive signage would be created and installed, but not this year (2020) because it wasn't in the budget. We would ask you to place new interpretive signs for Lone Lake Park higher on your priority list. Also, we, the Friends group, would like to be involved in whatever educational material would be included. We also urge you to choose an ecologically sound design and material (i.e., not wood, as it rots eventually). We are currently actively working with Natural Resources on park restoration work, but we also have an interest in keeping a high quality "curriculum," if you will, on the natural habitats and fauna of this park for all our residents to enjoy and learn about.

The original signage information was created by Larry Wade, a longtime Hopkins naturalist and district teacher, and a member of our group. He has brought elementary school children to Lone Lake Park many times over the years to learn from the information on the signs as well as experience being in the woods, listening and appreciating nature.

We would value the opportunity to work with the Park Board on this project. In our group we have master naturalists, expert birders, a pollinator expert, educators, and many others with varying experience regarding the natural world. Might we discuss this at a future meeting with you?

Thank you,

Linda Russell