



Addenda
Minnetonka Park Board
Meeting of Wednesday, April 7, 2021

ITEM 6 – Special Matters

- Attached is a supporting document for the the Cullen Nature Preserve Update

The Owner and the Trust are committed to protecting and preserving the Conservation Values of the Protected Property in perpetuity

CORE CONSERVATION VALUES

The open and natural features of the Protected Property provide outstanding scenic views...
 The Protected Property contains wetlands and mature forest providing habitat...
 The undeveloped and relatively undisturbed natural areas provide important open space...

Future use of the Protected Property as a publicly accessible natural and scenic park would provide important opportunities for nature observation, study and reflection

LAND USE

Opportunities

Natural habitat for wildlife
 Maintain and restore native biological habitat
 Scenic enjoyment from preserved open space (views from 494 and surrounding roadways)
 Public access to experience the out-of-doors in a relatively undisturbed and natural setting

Restrictions

No industrial, mining, commercial, or agricultural use
 No residential development
 No dividing, subdividing or partitioning
 No alteration or change in topography (no ditching, draining, filling, excavating or removal of soil)
 No dumping of trash, non-compostable garbage, hazardous or toxic substances or unsightly material
 No alteration or manipulation of natural watercourses, lakes, wetlands or shorelines except if restoring or enhancing native habitat or water quality
 No activities that are detrimental to water quality (such as creating erosion)
 Only motorized vehicles for permitted construction, maintenance, or enforcement may be operated on the property
 No horses or bicycles

STRUCTURES

Opportunities

Paths and pedestrian trails for low-impact passive recreational and educational use such as hiking, cross-country skiing, educational camping, nature observation or study
 Minor rustic structures may be used such as tents, trail barriers, wooden benches and informational kiosks (rustic picnic tables near structure or parking)
 Possible new structure for passive recreation needs may be installed within footprint (+25%) of previous existing structure
 Possible parking lot for passive recreation use may be installed within footprint of previous existing structure
 Existing driveway may be maintained and reasonably widened
 Existing fences may be maintained, improved, replaced or removed (additional fences may be constructed to mark boundaries, to secure the property, or as needed to carry out activities permitted by easement)
 Utilities may be maintained or installed to provide power, fuel, water, waste disposal and communication (only for needs permitted by easement with minimal grading or disturbance)

Restrictions

No communication towers, wind turbines, or similar structures
 No toilet facilities outside of previous structure footprint
 No billboards or lighted signs (only small informational/interpretive signs)
 No additional roads, driveways or parking areas
 No paved trails except as necessary to prevent erosion or as required by law

VEGETATION/RESTORATION MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

The Owner to use land stewardship techniques on the Protected Property in accordance with the City of Minnetonka Natural Resources Management Plan, POST plan or other plan approved by the Trust

Restrictions

No removal, cutting, pruning, trimming or mowing of vegetation outside of landscaped areas adjacent to structures except as reasonably required to prevent or control insects, noxious weeds, disease, fire, personal injury or property damage

No introduction of non-native species

Herbicide and pesticide will be kept at a minimum and used only when benefit to natural resources is greater than detriment

Removal of downed or dead timber only if necessary and kept at a minimum

Removal of any animals such as deer only allowed under management plan approved by the Trust