

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of July 2, 1990 Meeting

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Some of the other stages and their status:

Dam Stage - should be completed by October 1.

Silver Lake - The area behind the Park Offices and the Civic Center is in trouble schedule-wise. The contractor has until October 1 to complete this phase as the lake will be filled after that date.

Downtown Stage - The design is complete

Stage 2B (Golf Course) - Design memo has been completed.

Bear Creek-Cascade Stage - Just beginning.

The Corps of Engineers continues to believe the project is on schedule.

West River Parkway - The fill from behind the Civic Center is going to this site. It will be ready for fall seeding. There will be 6½ acres of flat surface for park usage.

Mountain Bikes

Roy indicated that he would like the Board to begin to address the trail system and its usage and look at long term impact which occurs when we have a multi-use trail system. An article in the Post Bulletin has triggered this discussion. The article was written without department input.

- ✓ Several people involved in biking were present to give their views to the Board about mountain bike usage. Greg Munson from the Quarry Hill Nature Center was present to voice his concern about mountain bikers using the unpaved trails at Quarry Hill. He feels these bikes cause damage to the trails. This resulted in signs being put up by this department indicating that biking is allowed on blacktop areas only.
- ✓ Greg is also concerned about the people using the trails for nature walks and having to watch out for bikers. He thinks that the programs at the Nature Center are affected by the bikes.
- ✓ Ron Moffit, representing the Midwest Mountain Bike Association, stated that he felt Quarry Hill was not a good place to bike. There are many blind areas, along with the walkers. The ideal place would be state land, which is readily available. There are some designated trails on these lands. Ron stated that maybe a policy could be established designating certain days and times for riding in Quarry Hill. He also indicated that the major problem with the average person buying a bike is that they have no idea of the regulations on riding or where to ride.
- ✓ Terry Greer from Northwoods Outfitters was present to give his views from the commercial side. He thinks that Quarry Hill is a beautiful place to ride. It is close to downtown Rochester so people do not have to travel great distances to enjoy the sport. He also indicated that 80% of the bikes sold are never used off paved trails.

