

To: Mark Noble, City Planner
Septemberr 29, 2020
Re: Archery Range, Shakopee, MN
From: Minnesota Deer Hunters Assoc., River
Valley Chapter
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Mark Themig, Recreation Director, back in 2004, wanted a safer place for an Archery Range. It was at Lion's Park. He then found the spot down by the river available - where the old baseball field was at one time. Mr. Themig was looking for an organization that would adopt the Range. The MN Deer Hunters Assoc., River Valley Chapter, stated that we would be interested.

Our Chapter is a 501-C-3. We are a volunteer organization. No one gets paid. We raise all of our money through fundraisers and collecting deerhides. This money is used for the Archery Range, Firearm Safety for youth, Shooting sports, etc.

Adopting the Archery Range around the year 2006, we started clearing the land and putting up targets, etc. We pay for all items at the Archery Range and maintain the grounds which includes cutting the grass, weed whacking, etc. almost every

week.

Every year we attempt to improve the Range to make it more people friendly.

We would like to add an elevated stand.

Reasons:

- 1) Most hunters shoot from an elevated stand.
- 2) If you shoot from an elevated stand, you should practice from an elevated stand.
- 3) Many hunters in this area do not have access to elevated stands and/or shooting area.
- 4) This would provide them this resource.

We would like to thank Bill Egan and Keith Raines for all the help and support we get. Many times Bill has helped us with grading the parking lot, opening up and shutting the culvert, hauling rock, wood chips, etc. Also special thanks to Mark Noble for getting this permit moving through the channels.



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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David Mendon

To: Individuals Interested in Archery

From: Mark Themig, Facilities and Recreation Director *Mark*

Date: February 10, 2004

Subject: Archery Range Meeting

Introduction

I am writing to invite you to a meeting on Friday, February 27, 1:00 p.m. at the Shakopee City Hall Council Chambers, 129 South Holmes Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential creation of a new archer range in the Shakopee area.

Background

The City operated an archery range in Lions Park for several years. In 2003, the range was taken out of use due to potential conflicts with other park users.

As you may know from previous correspondence, we analyzed all city-owned park and open space areas for a suitable replacement location for the archery range. Given the development that has occurred in and around our parks and open spaces, the only City-owned property that appeared suitable for this activity was an area north of Memorial Park on Highway 101. However, conservation easements were granted to both the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District for this property, and these easements prohibit structured activities like an archery range.

Over the past few weeks, there has been discussion with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources about the feasibility of locating an archery range in an area north of the Minnesota River bridge and west of CR 101 (see attached property information sheet). This was the former site of the baseball stadium. The DNR Division of Wildlife owns this property. Representatives of the DNR will be in attendance on February 27th.

Proposed Discussion

If an archery range is deemed an acceptable use of the land by the DNR, there would be significant work involved in bringing a range online, and would likely require a commitment from archers to both create and help maintain the site. I would suggest that we discuss the following on the 27th:

1) Site Characteristics

- Is the site adequate to accommodate an archery range?
- How would parking be accommodated?
- Would there be potential tie-in with proposed relocation of the Minnesota River boat landing?
- Are there access issues to CR 101?

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