

**Park and Trails Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chair Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen (Chair), Merrily Borg Babcock (Vice-Chair), Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, Mary Bader and Mike Kelly, City Engineer/Interim Director of Public Works.
Absent: Tyler Purdy and Joanie Cunningham.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved unanimously with a motion by Babcock and a second by Showalter.

The agenda for the May meeting was approved unanimously with a motion by Randolph and a second by Babcock.

Old Business

Summer Music Series – Merrily distributed publicity posters and flyers for the series for board members to post at shops, restaurants, the library, and chamber. She said flag for light posts would be printed.

Mary asked Mike to approve press release to local papers.

Spring Splash – Sarah Showalter reported on the upcoming event sponsored by the Lake Effect Conservancy. The board will participate and share a booth with Confluence, our master plan consultant. Sarah, Jim and Dan will participate.

Summer Park Activities – Board discussed whether the 62 people who were counted at the kickoff event should be added to number of people who had signed up for activities. The consensus was that it was not a valid to count the 62, since there were no signups at the event and the majority of people seemed to be there for the free hotdogs.

Jim suggested that next year we survey all Wayzata households, presenting a list of programs we are considering and asking their opinions about them.

Wayzata Beach – Mike reported that the H-dock is in now, complete with Dori Poles, which he hopes will deter geese from the docks.

Sarah Randolph requested a “For Dogs Only” sign for the dog water fountain to deter humans from using it to rinse their feet.

Communications – Mary reported that the May/June e-newsletter went out today.

Wayzata Parks Signage – After brief discussion about the need for uniform park signage, Mike requested we consider whether we want simple signs, signs that incorporate history or small plaques. He suggested we create a template to be used for all the parks.

Dan said we should have signage that says “No dogs allowed” for parks where that is the case.

Master Plan and Parks Tour Update – Dan noted that because of weather, the plan is behind schedule. Mike said the goal is to have a nearly finished product by JJ Hill Days. He announced that the Parkapalooza is scheduled for June 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. for staff and board and 5 to 7 p.m. for residents. The board and Confluence had a successful tour of parks, and Confluence will be gathering information at the spring Splash and Art Experience.

Mike asked that board members send him names and contact information for people to participate in the June 1 event and represent their neighborhoods.

Platform Tennis -- Jim said he had summarized work to date on the platform tennis project and asked Mike to send it to Confluence.

Strategic Plan & CIP Review – Mike distributed printouts of the plans and asked board to let him know if something is missing. He is in the process of preparing a budget for 2019. Dan asked about the purchase of more Adirondack chairs next year. Mike said City would replace rope at the Marina and Broadway docks. Merrily requested extra flowers for a wedding in Post Office Park in mid-June.

Boat Parade—There was a discussion and questions about getting publicity help from the chamber, whether boats will be restricted by size, who will check the boats in, who will mark the course, which board members would be there. Mike said he would work on getting online registration set up.

New Business

Pickleball and Bocce Ball Programming – Resident Ilja Gregor has requested establishing set times for pickleball at the tennis courts. Jim will take the lead on this and contact him,

Lake Effect Community Meeting – Sarah Showalter encouraged board to attend the May 17 open house for the project.

Other Business

Little Libraries—Board discussed a number of Little Libraries in town, although the board is not responsible for them.

Big Woods Activity—Merrily reported 95 people from Cargill and 30 from the Wayzata Football team volunteered in the Big Woods to pull buckthorn and garlic mustard, as well as to add 600 wildflower plants to the woods.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM with a motion by Babcock and a second by McWethy.