

**Park and Trails Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 20, 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, Ty Purdy, Joanie Cunningham, Mary Bader and Mike Kelly, City Engineer/Interim Director of Public Works.
Guest: Brad Aldrich, Confluence. Resident, Peggy Oppenheimer.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously with a motion by Joanie Cunningham and second by Merrily Borg Babcock.

The agenda for the May meeting was approved unanimously after motion by Jim McWethy, seconded by Merrily Borg Babcock, with amendments by Sarah Showalter and Merrily Borg Babcock.

Old Business

1. Master Plan for Parks and Trails (Confluence)

Brad Aldrich from Confluence provided an update on feedback received at Spring Splash and Parkapalooza. He also reported on a meeting they had earlier in the day with Civitas, Jeff Dahl, Jeff Thompson, Mike Kelly and Dan Baasen.

Showalter asked was the intention to bring additional people from the larger community to Wayzata parks or if the Council's request of us was to survey Wayzata residents on what they want to see in the parks.

McWethy suggested that we were beyond "dotology" type surveys.

About 30 people came to Parkapalooza to provide public input on initial diagrams.

No neighborhood meetings have been set up but still intends to hold "meetings in a box". Goal would be to have July/Aug. meetings with neighbors.

Brad Aldrich reviewed drawings capturing feedback to date. Mike Kelly will sent out the plan to the board. Confluence sub-consultant is still collecting data from similarly sized communities for benchmarks and Mike Kelly is gathering similar data from Wayzata.

Mike Kelly said Three Rivers will look at options for making the trail connection between Dakota Trail and Luce Line. They will be out at the Art Experience and on Dakota Trail surveying people. Confluence will be at the Art Experience this weekend as well with a booth to get further input. The suggestion was made that they be sure to target Wayzata residents. Dan Baasen asked for volunteers to help staff the booth at the Art Experience. They will have full size drawings with post-it notes and markers.

Plan completion expected in Sept./Oct.

2. Concerts in the Park

Last Sunday the group got 3 songs in before stopping for rain. 59 people attended. 157 people the prior week and 193-201 people attended the first concert. Blue Groove was rained out

again. Merrily Babcock received positive feedback from attendees. Board is in agreement it has been a success and the location is working well. Only complaint is that dogs can't come onto grass. Board agreed to request to continue series next year.

Mary Bader raised a question about Peter Hitch's plan to bring a drone to film the next concert. Discussion concluded that we want to be good guests on the Great Lawn and that this could be distracting and not received well. Dan Baasen will speak to Peter Hitch to advise that he ought to get permission first or make alternative plans.

3. Platform Tennis

McWethy said it continues to be a part of the master park plan. Guest Peggy Oppenheimer's comments were noted by Mike Kelly as having a strong preference to have the location of platform tennis south of Park St.

Dan Baasen will provide Mary Bader with a copy of the plan for the association showing the paid vs. free use time, fees, and maintenance fees.

4. Boat Parade

As it's the first time this event is occurring it expected to start small with the potential to grow. Dan Baasen asked the board to talk to people to get registration up.

4. Pickleball & Bocce Ball

Introduction class was well attended with all 16 registrants attending. 2 drop-in options are available Mondays 9-11, Thurs. 3:30-5:30. Public works got a new sign up identifying pickle ball. Merrily Babcock suggested that converting a tennis court to pickle ball be a priority in our requests to City Council (as indicated in the early drafts from Confluence).

Bocce Ball classes are full through Minnetonka Community Ed. Residents can reserve court through Rebecca at Public Works. Balls available from Rebecca.

New Business

none

Other Business

1. Sarah Showalter provided update on Lake Exploration summer camp on Wayzata's lakefront. Mary Bader suggested getting photos of kids to include in next newsletter.
2. Sarah Showalter reminded everyone of the Bash for the Boardwalk event with proceeds benefiting the Lake Effect Conservancy and construction of the boardwalk.
3. Merrily Babcock suggested that we should thinking about what we want for signage at the parks. Take pictures of ideas and think about what information should be on the signs. Agreed we want a consistent design for the signs so they look uniform.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:52 PM with a motion by Sarah Randolph and a second by Ty Purdy.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Showalter