

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Board Chair Dan Baasen at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen, Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Ty Purdy, Mary Bader, Sarah Showalter, Jim McWethy, and City liaison Mike Kelly

Absent: Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham

Three additions to the agenda were proposed:

- Policy on City park usage for special events

- Pickle Ball

- Review of Lake Effect plans for Lake Street modifications and lakeshore park space

The modified agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Purdy and second by Borg Babcock.

Minutes from the September 19 Board meeting were approved, unanimously, as presented on a motion by Baasen, second by McWethy.

Public Comments: none

Old Business

Minnetonka Community Education (MCE)

Kelly reviewed the 2018 contract terms between the City and MCE. Participation numbers, quality of programs, instruction, marketing, and general performance were discussed at length. The Board concluded that although participation numbers were overstated and some other specific areas of performance could still be improved, the overall true participation improvement over 2017 and the other contract goals for 2018 exceeded the contract bonus requirements. A motion by Purdy and second by McWethy to award the contract bonus to MCE passed on a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Action items going forward will be: earlier and better two-way communication of Board programming expectations; drafting of a new 2019 contract for presentation to the full Board by Purdy and Kelly; better monitoring of class participation and instruction quality on-site by Board members; obtaining a listing of all program participants including email addresses; follow-up by Board members on a sample of

participants regarding satisfaction with programming and instruction; revisiting the format of the Board's spring kick-off picnic for residents.

Master Plan

Kelly and Chair Baasen updated the Board on the status of the Parks Master Plan and the expectation receiving a completed draft from Confluence, including written supporting dialog and justification for proposed projects, in advance of the November Board meeting. This will enable to Board to review, discuss, and vote on the Master Plan proposal prior to a December presentation to the City Council.

Other Business

Use of Parks for Special Events

Bader expressed concern over access to the Wayzata Beach being closed during part of JJ Hill weekend. Kelly stated that these concerns have been passed on the City Manager and will be taken into account for future permit applications. The Board discussed City policy regarding use of park facilities for private events, and requested review of the policy for a future Board meeting agenda.

Pickle Ball

A number of future pickle ball court options for Wayzata parks were discussed; the subject was tabled pending upcoming Master Plan discussions.

Lake Effect: Lake Street and Lake Street Park

The Board discussed and agreed on the following resolution to be transmitted to the City Manager and City Council:

The Wayzata Parks and Trails Board emphatically recommends that all changes to Lake Street and the Lake Street waterfront park should prioritize and accommodate use by pedestrians and recreational bikers, and enhance viewing, appreciation and access of the waterfront park space.

The resolution passed unanimously.

City Council CIP Workshop: Chair Baasen reported that the only parks CIP item discussed at the workshop was the 2020 Klapprich Park playground renovation, being the only parks CIP project in excess of \$150,000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm, moved by Borg Babcock and seconded by Showalter. Passed unanimously.