



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Agenda

Wayzata City Hall, Community Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
8:00 am

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda for December 12, 2018 Board Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2018 Board Meeting
4. Public Comments
5. Old Business
 - i. Draft Master Plan Review
6. New Business
7. Other Business
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. Adjourn

Members of the Parks & Trails Board may meet after the board meeting for a social event.

Wayzata Park & Trails Board

Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Chairman Dan Baasen. Meeting was held at the Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen – Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Mary Bader, Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, and city representative Mike Kelly.

Absent: Joanie Cunningham, Tyler Purdy, and Sarah Showalter.

Approval of the agenda for the November meeting was motioned by Baasen and seconded by McWethy. Approved unanimously.

Approval of the October minutes was moved by Bader and seconded by Borg Babcock. They were unanimously approved.

Review of the Master Plan thus far. This is a draft and not the final.

Overall review of chapter by chapter.

Chapter 1 Introduction

Give history and context to the region and the City of Wayzata. Activities and programming is important. Community Education is typically partnered with an outside vendor of some sort.

There have been studies done for the Lake Effect, Sailing Ahead Vision and Task Force. The plan is building upon previous plans and task force research. The main purpose is to create a definition of a plan to be guide for the city in the future to come.

Incorporating elements of the 2040 plan that are a direct correlation for our parks and trails.

Connection to the Lake Effect. Needs to be a parallel yet integral part of the Master Plan. Include the quote “The Wayzata Parks and Trails Board emphatically recommends that all changes to Lake Street and the Lake Street waterfront should prioritize and accommodate safe use by pedestrians and recreational bikers, and enhance the viewing of, appreciation of, and access to the waterfront park space.

Community Engagement summary graph. There was input from the community through many meetings, open houses, dot-ology at JJ Hill Days and the Wayzata Art Experience. Information was compiled and graphed as to where the most information came from.

There is a strong feeling that the general public is concerned about the potential cost for this project and where the money is coming from. Needs to be transparency and better explanation in the section about park funds, grants, park dedication etc.

Chapter 2 System-wide Analysis

System-Wide Analysis Partnered with PROs Analysis. The overall consensus is that they have not done what we've hired them for. Our project seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle. They are working for us to plan and pull information from other communities that are the same size. Working to compare what we are trying to do, with what other cities have done, and what works for them. They were to be looking into levels of service (LOS), acreage, programming, and amenities. Communities that are our size typically have x, y, and z. There should be comparison with our city/community in comparison with other communities that are roughly the same size as ours. A LOS comparison will be a helpful planning tool.

Chapter 3 System-wide Vision

System-Wide Vision. What we want the parks to look like?

Community Trends-

- Aging Population and ADA accessibility
- Family oriented
- Trail usage is growing
- Health and fitness is on the rise
- Family dogs are increasingly common
- Programs and specialized sports
- Natural areas highly valued environmental issues in MN clean water and air
- Parks department has an opportunity to foster sustainability.
- Increased socialization in game playing bocce ball, pickle ball, and paddle tennis. Suggested as an additional bullet point by McWethy.

Recreational Trends –

- Paddle Sports are growing in popularity
- Rental opportunities – canoes, paddle boards bicycles, skates, etc., splash pad, hockey, ice skating
- Bike playground for young kids
- Basketball – currently there are no courts in the city at all
- Sand volleyball down at the beach.

Platform Tennis – Open/ Free play. Bringing the sport to the non-country club members.

- Multi-generational
- Vibrancy to the parks through affordable outdoor fun
- Provides a sense of connection with the local community
- Integrating other community activities, leagues and teams, rental space, comradery
- Only racket sport played in the winter
- Used year round. Courts can be used for Pickleball in the summer

Guiding Principles–

- Develop a variety of active and passive parks and programs for our Wayzata Residents
- Ensure each park is well connected. Bikeable and pedestrian friendly.
- Support Residents desire and ability to stay healthy, active, and engaged in the community.
- Create vibrant parks with activities and programming for all Seasons.

- Foster environmental and economic sustainability that projects Wayzata's water and natural resources.
- Create a multi-generational park system that builds community, attracts young families, and supports aging in place.

Connecting Wayzata. Importance of regional trails and their connectivity. Ferndale, Minnetonka Ave., Broadway, Dakota Trail Extension, Wayzata Blvd, connections between parks.

Discussion of adding the walking trail through the Eastman Marsh by Borg-Babcock.

City Identity – City is charming, need signage and wayfinding to be cohesive and charming.

Chapter 4

Park Plans Each park has their existing conditions, location, proposed design, and improvement overview.

Parks included are:

- Klapprich & Bell Courts
- Wayzata Beach & Shaver Park
- Margaret Circle Park
- Nature Center
- City Hall & Children's Park
- Big Woods Preserve
- Heritage Park

Special Consideration Parks

- Post Office Park
- The Great Lawn & Play Area
- Wayzata Depot/ R.R. Museum
- Lake Street Plaza (New)
- Eco Park (New)

Suggestion that we remove the young kid's bike park from to Shaver Park. Moved by Bader and Seconded by Borg-Babcock. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 2 (Baasen, Randolph).

Chapter 5 Implementation

Cost estimates and priority ranking have been provided and broken down.

Board members were asked to send Mike Kelly what their top 7-10 priorities, of what they'd like to see, within the master park and trails plan would be. Please get them to him by Friday, November 23, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 to get the room ready for the 7PM Planning Commission meeting.

Parks and Trails Implementation Priorities

Dan Baasen

2019

- Platform Tennis Courts (2) located in Klapprich Park, just opposite the tennis courts. We do not propose the two story multi use building/warming house at this time, but to include a smaller hut as originally proposed and included in challenge grant originally proposed. We also are planning on applying for Grant from Hennepin County Youth programing and possibly Wayzata Public Schools for sharing use in School programing. \$50,000-\$100,000 Late August September construction.
- Start of improved signage

2020

- Renewed and ADA compliant Children's Playground. Klapprich Park. This would be proposed to complete Spring/early summer so as to avoid in gap of availability due to coordination with 2019 Platform Tennis project
- Continue signage project

2021

- Improve Bell Courts area to include Pickel ball courts and improvements to the Bell Courts Building. Possible Bell family grant request

2022

- Half Court Basketball Court ant Klapperich Park or Beach Park
- Renovate Beach Playground

2023

- Improved and updated Parks Map and brochure

Mary Bader

Maintenance

I'd like to see the master plan say something about planning realistically for our existing parks and any new park features we add.

Pickle Ball Courts

Signage

The importance of consistent signage for all of our parks should receive more emphasis in the master plan report. Ideally, the board could start working on the signage issue in the coming year.

Big Woods

- Signage – This park needs a large, prominent sign equal to the current entrance sign for The Retreat. The sign needs to include the name (Big Woods Preserve) and in smaller print on a separate line the words "Wayzata City Park." Too many people still do not realize that this is a public place.

- Trail upkeep

- Restoration or replacement of the donor recognition stones. The current donor acknowledgements are almost impossible to read.

Nature Center

- Get started with the plan in the coming year.

Jim McWethy

2019:

- Klapprich 2 PT courts
- PT warming hut ((\$40,000 already in proposed project budget for this--not the full-blown park building, but a start) plus fire pit. Or we could do a temporary structure
- Park Signage for ALL parks

2020:

- Klapprich Playground redo
- Bell Court Pickleball
2 dedicated courts with fencing, replacing one tennis court, plus striping and removable nets for two additional pickleball courts for dual use of the other two tennis courts Parks Wayfinding signage

2021:

- Renovate Beach play area and drainage
- Renovate Beach building
- Beach park rentals
- Bell Pavilion renovation, IF Bell Family participates financially Margaret Circle drainage

Merrily Babcock

KLAPPRICH FIELD AND PARK

1. *(adults)* Paddle Tennis/Platform Tennis Courts on the west slope of the hill at Klapprich East. While we still have donors, this is my highest priority in combination with...
2. *(families)* Additional plaza/firepit-since we will not have a building
3. *(kids)* Addition of the Nature Play area-although the location may need to be examined

WAYZATA BEACH

4. *(teens-young adults)* Addition of Hammock/Art poles
5. *(all)* Begin restoration of Nature Center environment by applying for grant coordinated with Great River Greening

I know this did not get in the Master Plan so it may not get many votes but I think this would be a benefit to visitors at the hotel and residents for an enjoyable environmental walk and access to the lake at the Little Beach.

6. *(all)* Boardwalk diagonally across Eastman Marsh (and the narrow walkway thru the "buffer zone" before the hotel totally ruins this natural little woods area with their tree additions cutting into the root system of the natural habitat!)

I would also like to have some sort of statement about the "bike playground" listed as an idea without a designated location to date.

Tyler Purdy

Klapprich-

1. ADA Play Structure
2. 2 platform tennis courts with warming facility
3. restripe/realign pickleball

Beach

1. add rental facility
2. new volleyball

Nature Center

1. clearing and grubbing
2. add boardwalk and trail

Sarah Randolph

Parks in General

- New, awesome, well done, consistent and cohesive park signage.

Klapprich & Bell Court

- 2 Paddle tennis courts with warming house AND firepit
- Re-configuring/ restriping of pickleball courts/ doubles tennis court.
- New ADA playground.

Beach

- New play area and playground.
- Paddle board, kayak, canoe rental.

Renovate and expand park building.