

Parks and Trails Board
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Call to order: 7:06PM

Attendees: Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Joanie Cunningham, Dick Himes and PW Staff Dave Dudinsky.

Absent: Sarah Randolph

Meeting minutes from Feb. 28:

- List of attendees and 2nd paragraph “Dudinski”- spell with “Y” instead of an “I” at the end.
 - o Approved by Merrily Borg Babcock. 2nd by Dan Baasen.
 - o Minutes unanimously approved.

Old Business/Action Items from board meeting on Feb. 28:

- **Discussed and approved Parks and Trails Board Mission Statement:**
“Provide recommendations to the City Council for the preservation, protection, enhancement and promotion of a healthy park and trail system for all community members and visitors.”
 - o Merrily Borg Babcock motioned for approval, 2nd by Joanie Cunningham. Unanimously approved.
- Merrily took Joanie on tour of parks on Saturday, March 16
- Third Wed. of every month. Can PW Staff Dave Dudinsky attend?
 - o Agreed to try for next several months to keep the meeting time/date the same, then revisit if needed.

Chairman’s comments:

Next 30 days Parks and Trails Board items to review:

- a. Circle A Park – “children’s playground”
buffer zone. What would be plan for this area?
- b. What will go near the approved roundabout?
East end – Lake street extension
- c. Public information - Brochure- map of existing parks and amenities.
City of Wayzata Communication Specialist can help with this.
- d. Signage.
- e. Priority list for both parks and trails that could be provided to City Council.

Public to address Board:

- Mark and Susan Hughes; 415 Gardner St.
- Concerns on the Bell Courts Park areas on how the water treatment facilities are changing the park landscape.
- Becoming less of a “natural” park and more of an industry park, degrading the neighborhood. Provided history of the developed of all the mechanical buildings, water tower and cell phone utilities.
- Been in construction zone better of the 30 years as residents (quiet for 5 of the 30 years).
 - a. Would like the cell tower moved.
 - b. Would like to see toddler park- young families with young children in neighborhood now.
 - c. Would like to reinvent the park.
- Working with City Council on a study about alternative sites for the cell tower.

New Business:

- Merrily has digital photos of the parks, will send to Dave, and then will be distributed to board members.
- Agreed public signage is needed. Should be uniform information.
 - Dave confirmed money available for parks and trails brochure & signage through maintenance funds.
- Task Force Report Review was conducted.
 - Reviewed and discussed the mission and objectives of the Task Force and how it would relate to Park and Trails Board.
 - Discussion around the Section Foreman's House.
 - Board is interested in touring the Section Foreman's House. Plan to do in later spring.
 - Nature Center is closed; safety issues. It is city land. Dave has 1978 map diagram of the original site.
 - Discussion around the Gleason Trail.
- Agreed the Task Force Report is very beneficial.
- Merrily inquired where the Linden trees would be planted.
 - Dave acknowledged it will be at Bell Courts Park.
- Discussed the Tree Ordinance
 - Dave informed board that the Promenade developer and City Manager are planning a walk around Circle A drive. Date is TBD but in the very near future.
 - Board members are welcome to join.
 - City Council is planning to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Wayzata needs to prepare and be able to react to the invasion. 2nd council meeting in April on EAB. Rainbow Tree Care will be there to present.
 - Note: Rainbow Tree Care was here to count the number of Ash trees in Wayzata so the city can learn how to plan for future EAB problems.
 - Board members are encouraged to attend.
- A woman is interested in selling basic food items at beach.
 - There is strong consideration to do on a trial basis. Board agreed.
 - Would place tip-up window in lifeguard's office with and sell popcorn.
- Dave confirmed permits were issued for paddleboard and yoga lessons at beach this year.

ACTION ITEMS: Prior to next meeting:

- Chairman to understand need for a review of the comprehensive budget in order for board to be able to set priorities and have input/recommendations to the city council in a timely manner.
- Invite Communications Specialist to next Parks and Trails Board meeting to discuss brochure and other public information.
- Everyone bring three items to add to the "Code of Conduct" continued discussion.
 - This is the "how to", secondary role documentation after the Mission Statement.
- Continue review and discussions on Task Force Report.
- Learn if a city employee could scribe and publish meeting minutes on behalf of the board.
- Board to tour the Section Foreman's House. Plan to do in later Spring.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17 at 7PM in City Council chambers

- Motion to close meeting by Dan Baasen.
- Motion seconded by Merrily Borg Babcock.
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM
 - Joanie Cunningham: Recording Sec'y