

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall on September 18, 2014.

Present: Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Randolph, Holly Evans, David Dudinsky (staff) and Bridget Anderson (Council Member)

Absent: Joanie Cunningham

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended* by motion of Evans, seconded by Randolph and unanimous vote of board.

**Deletion of miscellaneous detail after "Adirondack Chairs at Depot", Change "Exercise equipment will be escalated" to "Exercise equipment recommended to be escalated". Tighten up IV.) Budget Presentation Discussion section, "decision to add skating" to be removed in section I.) h. Correct spelling of Mary deLaittre. Consolidate bathroom discussion to note that the Park Board is concerned that the Depot is first place that many visitors see and the bathroom facilities are substandard. Remove detail after II.) k. More water fountains. Add "years" after 5-10 in section I.) m and remove "(silence)" in New Park & Trail Board Members section.*

Agenda for September 18, 2014 meeting approved as written. Motion by Borg Babcock, seconded by Evans and unanimous vote of board.

Old Business:

1) Discussion of JJ Hill Days Event and Parks & Trail Booth Experience:

The Board agreed that one of the best things we have done is have a booth at James J. Hill days. We received valuable feedback and introduced/reintroduced our Parks and Trails to many. Overall, the reception we received was extremely positive.

Strong Public Interest in:

PARK IMPROVEMENT IDEAS – 2015

1. Upgrade Visitor (Public) Bathroom
2. Replant Urban Forest
3. Lakeside Paths/Rinks for Winter Activity

4. Adirondack Chairs (Wayzata Beach, Wayzata Depot, Shaver Park)
5. Water Feature/Fountain
6. Sculptures for kids climbing activities (sponsored)

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2014 AND 2015

1. Add stripes on streets for bike trails
2. Design shelter w/wood burning fireplace @ BEACH or SHAVER PARK
3. Beach Concession Area
4. Add "H" dock at MAIN BEACH

It was suggested that this public feedback be used as support for the upcoming Council Workshop on October 7th, 2014. Board requested that Parks and Trails be given a "separate slot" in this workshop to allow for ample time to discuss CIP recommendations. Dudinski did not see an issue with this. Baasen and Borg Babcock will be representing the Parks & Trails Board during that workshop.

The Board was pleased with the high number of Parks and Trail Maps that were distributed at the event and when handed out, felt our chances for visitor feedback and engagement significantly increased. A discussion on future tent placement proceeded. Recommendation to Chamber would be to scatter the City tents throughout versus placing in one general location.

2) Review of 2015 Park & Trails CIP Recommendations in preparation for Park & Trails CIP Workshop with the City Council scheduled for October 7th, 2014

Dudinski suggested getting projects on the list and put a number to them as this is a multi-year planning tool. Council Member Anderson also suggested keeping "Completed Projects" to showcase progress (these are typically removed.)

Board Recommends (Pre-Approved):

- Beach Drinking Fountain – 2015
- Provide Space for Food Vendor in Beach House – 2015
- Beach H Dock in Swimming Area (okay with U Dock to start) – 2015
- Beach Adirondack Seating – 2015
- Klapprich Park - Dog Park (Boards and Australian Shade Sail) – 2015
- Dakota & Luce Line Trails – Directional Signage Between Trails Along Path – 2016
- Shaver Park/Marina – All Season Building with Fire Place – 2016
 - Shelter, but doesn't have to be elaborate. Revenue generating. Possibly done in phases (3 stage approach for greater chance of CIP approval)

- Shaver Park – Outdoor Exercising Equipment – 2017 (review cost estimate)

Additions Proposed by Board (in no particular order):

- Depot Area Bathroom Facility Improvements – 2015
 - Questioned whether this is the General Fund
- Bike Restriping on Ferndale Road North (vs. Barry Street) - 2015
- Bocce Ball Court East of Bell Courts/City Hall – 2015
- Additional Adirondack Seating (Klapprich Park, Depot and Bell Courts) – 2015
- Bench Seating at Margaret Circle Park – 2015
- Lake Front Ice Skating/Path – 2015 (permitting will be the main barrier)
- Initiate Park Programs Through City Web Site – 2016
- Update Parks & Trails Brochure/Reprinting – 2016
 - Baasen suggested we distribute the Parks & Trails map through local retailers
- Plant 100 Bare Root Trees in City Parks (Replant Urban Forest) – 2017
 - Discussion around EAB and how important this really is
- Paddle Ball Court at Shaver Park - 2017
- Sculptures throughout City Parks; Sponsored - 2017
- Nature Center Plan and Grant – 2018

“Boardwalk through Eastman Property East of Village Shops” is Lake Effect. Dudinski will remove. Board recommended we push the Photo Contest to this Winter with goal of Spring implementation, if not sooner. Baasen was going to summarize CIP discussion and get to Dudinski for October 7th Workshop.

3) Website Update

Consensus was that they were a long way away with lots of disagreement regarding what it would look like and how to navigate. The Communications Board has now gotten involved in the design process and how to incorporate the various stake holders. They are working through the initial layout provided by the vendor. Borg Babcock and Cunningham presented Parks & Trails Board recommendations. We have been heard. Randolph was concerned about the vendor’s disconnect. There will be an opportunity for additional Parks & Trails Board feedback once the Communication Board puts together their rough concept.

4) 2014 Approved Projects Update

Hockey board (Klapprich Park) replacement update was provided by Dudinski. Various options were presented along with price quotes. Dudinski requested the Board provide their

recommendation for him to take to the Council. Board consensus landed on plywood option due to cost, looks and ease of replacement. Goal to have installed by middle of November.

Board appreciation was given to Dudinski for installing the dog park ahead of schedule. Feedback has been positive.

New Business:

The Parks & Trails Board will have a table at the Big Woods 10th Anniversary Event to be held on September 27th from 4-7pm. Board Members are encouraged to attend and actively participate. Evans will coordinate Board event needs with Borg Babcock.

Motion to close meeting by Borg Babcock, seconded by Randolph.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Holly Evans