

Wayzata Parks and Trails Board

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: 100% Attendance, Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock as Vice-Chair, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans and Bryan Gadow sat in as city staff attendant.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved with amendments by motion of Cunningham, seconded by Babcock and unanimous vote by board.

Agenda for July 16, 2014 meeting approved as amended below. Motion by Babcock and seconded by Evans. Unanimous approved by board.

Conversation ensued about the dog park and the lack of signage advertising it's presence. Both Babcock and Randolph agreed that there needs to be more public awareness about it before there is a Survey Monkey done to determine it's success. There was discussion about the arrival and placement of the Adirondack chairs down at the depot and whether or not they will need to be anchored. After some discussion the consensus was that we should wait until something happens that we need to anchor them. Also there was discussion about the park and trails map and where they will be dispensed. We talked about Acrylic dispensers and where it will make sense for them to be placed.

1. Old Business

a. High Water Update

- Almost all of the docks at the Boat Works are out of the water at this point.
- The lake has gone down 5" in the last week.
- The LMCD projects that if the nice weather keeps up we should be back to regular boating speeds in in 1-2 ½.
- The lake was at an all-time high this year at 36" above normal.

b. Update of Parks Brochure

- General consensus is that we are headed in the right directions.
- The response from the public has been good.
- Bridget Anderson suggested that we stick them on the trolley as we would have a captive audience.
- There was discussion again of the suction Acrylic boxes like the ones realtors use.
- Some placement options discusses were: Chamber, Depot, Beach, Bell Court, Library, Lunds (not sure if they would let us), Starbucks, Caribou, Muni. The could possibly be placed on the same signs that have the dog waste bags, Meridian Manor, Folkstone, and Presbyterian Homes.
- We need to get Dave Dudinsky's input on the logistics of the above.

c. Update on approved Capital Commitments and other pending parks projects.

There was a question as to when it makes sense for the P & T board to get involved so that we can make sure we are a part of the CIP discussions. Old projects that are still waiting approval or final details to be worked out are as follows.

- Vendor at the Beach.
- Drinking Fountains
- Additional Adirondack chairs, at Bell Court, and at the Beach.
- Pocket Park Update.
 - The walkway has been replaced where needed with new boards.
 - Babcock worked on a plan to add flowers and saplings to replace the 12 that have been lost.
 - Weed and amend soil on the exterior.
 - Discussion of Lynn McCarthy's volunteer group has agreed to help with the plantings.
 - Who will do the watering and the weeding?
 - Discussion about the possible redevelopment on the south side of the park. What plants will survive in the shade.
 - Question as to whether this was approved as part of the 2014 budget of \$1500? Since the boardwalk was repaired as opposed to replaced can the left over money go toward plants and flowers?
- Bell Court
 - Addition of Adirondack chairs on the porch of the tennis shack.
 - Pickle Ball striping added to the courts.
- Trappers Cabin
 - Sight has been selected and we are waiting for the coordination of the move.

2. Old Business

a. *Dog Park Survey Monkey.*

- Randolph thought it was too early to do a survey testing the popularity of the Dog Park as there does seem to have been enough done to advertise it.
- Discussion of how and where we could advertise it; Portal, city Twitter, website, water bill, and a banner on the side of the boards.

b. *Photo Contest*

- Discussion as to whether we give the public all 5 categories at once or break them up as this month is Wildlife and Nature, next is families and people.
- Rules. How do we break them down to be more concise?

c. *JJ Hill Days Participation*

- Consensus that we should have booth.
- Do we share it with the volunteer committee?
- We should have our brochures there to distribute.
- Discussion of having a suggestion booth.
- Do we advertise the photo contest here?
- We also talked about having some information about Pickle Ball Courts.

d. *Capital Project Submission*

- What projects do we want to have be priority for this year?
- How do we work on grants etc to bring some money into the Park and Trails Board?

Next meeting is Aug. 26th at 6PM. We are going to work on our vision for 2015 and our plan for JJ Hill.

Baasen motioned to adjourned at 8:55, Cunningham moved and Evans seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Randolph