

## Wayzata Parks and Trails Board

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Dinner was provided by Dave Dudinsky at 6:30PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall on June 18, 2014.

**Present:** Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock as Vice-Chair, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans and Dave Dudinsky (staff).

**Absent:** Sarah Randolph and Bridget Anderson (Council Member).

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

Agenda for June 18, 2014 meeting approved as amended below. Motion by Cunningham and seconded by Babcock. Unanimous approved by board.

#### 1. Old Business

##### *a. Recap of Great River Greening Project*

- Outstanding event; well organized and educational.
- Many varieties of water loving species were planted despite the rain.
- Opened the Section Foreman's House for lunch.
- Suggested that P&T Board to send note of thanks. Dan to ask City Planner (Brian) for names to send thank you notes.
- Kevin Williams and City Planner (Brian) were verbally thanked.

##### *b. Update of Parks Brochure*

- Brochure is out for printing (out for proof).
- City Council had positive remarks on 1<sup>st</sup> edition parks brochure.
- There is a need for improved photographs for future brochures.
- Verbiage is also available for website.
- Will remove logo off biker on front page.
- Color of front page verbiage (Wayzata: Parks and Trails) needs to be brightened - will get changed before printing.
- Note of clarity: Not promoting photo contest on brochure, but on website.
- Will distribute throughout Wayzata (Depot, Muni, new resident packets).
- Cunningham motioned approval; Baasen seconded; approved by Board.

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

- Beach House Food Vendor and McCormick's Plan:
  1. Hot Dog vendor is approved to have a cart at City Beach.
  2. McCormick's has contractor obtained for restaurant expansion and received estimate for beach house.
    - a. Last understanding was McCormick's was planning for August; James J. Hill Days at latest.
  3. City also obtained quotes for beach house renovation.
    - a. Working with Excel to bring in 3-phase power to the beach house.
- Dog Cleanup Dispensers:
  1. Dispensers have been delivered.

2. Map of dispenser placement was presented by Dave Dudinsky
  3. If Board likes format, can place on website.
  4. Babcock questioned why dispenser weren't on the East side.
  5. Question on dispenser in Heritage Park- need to add in map.
  6. Need to add dispenser on Circle A Drive/Superior.
  7. Adding a line item into budget for next year to add more dispensers.
- Heritage Park Planting:
    1. Forsythias can be purchased and planted upon Board's request.
      - a. Board is ready to move forward.
  - Post Office Park Boardwalk Repairs:
    1. Babcock would like to donate trees to this park.
    2. Arboretum doesn't have bulbs available.
    3. There are volunteers confirmed that would plants bulbs in October.
    4. There is funding available to purchase bulbs.
    5. Boardwalk is in need of repairs- some of the boards are rotted. City will get repaired before James J. Hill Days.
  - Drinking Fountains- Beach House and Depot:
    1. Fountain at Beach will be installed at same time when plumbing is being worked on.
      - a. Fountain will also be a dog fountain.
    2. Planning is considering another dog fountain on North side by shower as there is existing plumbing.
    3. City is also considering a water cooler for fountain as may be possible to get a better deal with the plumbing taking place.
  - Adirondack Chairs for Depot Grounds:
    1. Sample chairs were presented to the Board. 6 examples total (2 wood by Northfield vendor (Peterson's), 4 recycled; 2 By the Yard via Judd Frost, 2 from Seasonal Concepts).
    2. Board evaluated (comfort, looks, durability, cost) each chair.
      - a. Board decided on 5 white recycled chairs from Seasonal Concepts. City will purchase this week.
      - b. Board agreed to submit this fall's for 2015 budget 5-7 more multi-colored chairs wooden chairs for Wayzata Beach.
      - c. Unanimously approved by Board.
- d. *Update on final placement of "Trappers House"*
- Will be placed on Southwest corner of Shaver Park, off the trail. Close to Ferndale Rd.
- e. *Update on Way finding Signage discussed at the last board meeting*
- Babcock looked into adding signage at Big Woods Parks. The decision was made to review all park collectively rather than just get one at Big Woods.
  - Requesting the Board take a look at other signature and take photos (supplement to blade signs) to consider for Wayzata.
  - Update from Dave on Blade signs: Going back to Architect to see if blade signs can be wider to accommodate complete park names. Then Dave will provide proposal of Park sign design, names and information and Board can approve.
  - Would like to consider historical information on Park signs in collaboration with the HPB.
  - Baasen requested that the Board bring signage recommendations to next board meeting to be considered for Wayzata.

## 2. Update on Request to Accelerated Projects

- a. *H-Dock in swimming area at the Beach*
- City is going submit to the LMCD to add the H-Dock request for the Beach (along with transient docks).
  - Currently the H-Dock is planned for 2016 and city needs to discuss whether to accelerate with transient docks.

- Discussion is needed on whether to include a raft in the future (safety considerations).
- b. *Dog Park (off Leash) at Klapprich Park*
  - Dispenser was placed within hockey area.
  - Adding in Portal newsletter informing community the dog park is temporarily there.
  - Signage was placed in driveway to inform community there is a dog park.
  - Planning to conduct a community survey on dog park pilot/test.

### 3. New Business

- a. *Summer Activities*
  - Discussions on story teller, photo session or other ideas for park activities.
  - Board requested to start compiling a list of ideas for future events in parks.
    1. When Trapper's Cabin goes in, a story teller could be available.
    2. Interested in seeking sponsorships.
    3. Big Woods is planning tours and present on the ecosystem for celebration this Fall.
  - Photo contest of the Wayzata parks.
- b. *James J Hill Days*
  - P&T Board planning to be a participant (booth on the street) at this event.
    1. Could recruit members for the board.
    2. Hand out brochures.
    3. Photos of things the board is doing (dog park, Adirondack chairs).
    4. Solicit community feedback
    5. Photo contest of parks could be submitted at booth. Used for future brochures.
- c. *Wayzata Big Woods Celebration; September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014*
  - P&T Board asked to participate (booth) at this event.

Motion to close meeting by Babcock; seconded by Baasen.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16PM

Respectfully submitted by: Joanie Cunningham