

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall on May 21, 2014.

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

Absent: None

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as amended* by motion of Borg Babcock, seconded by Evans and unanimous vote of board.

*Note of missing discussion regarding replanting Post Office Pocket Park with tulips, possibly from the Arboretum, and newly donated hostas. Also discussed, was the idea of having a photo contest that we would promote on the Wayzata city web site to introduce people to our parks. Task: Borg Babcock will submit contest framework suggestions to Chair Baasen who will then submit to staff. Chairman Baasen will also talk to Communications staff member, Kristin Classey about setting up a photo contest on the website.

Agenda for May 21, 2014 meeting approved as written. Motion by Evans, seconded by Cunningham and unanimous vote of board.

Board welcomed and was introduced to new Parks Department Employees, Travis Williams and Kyle Morris. Both gentlemen provided a comprehensive overview of their prior experience and skill set.

Old Business:

1) Wayfinding Signage:

A presentation with subsequent discussion of Wayfinding signage for Wayzata Parks & Trails was given by City Engineer, Mike Kelly. Mr. Kelly provided a brief history of the City's Wayfinding plans as well as how we got to where we are today.

A handful of blade signs have been distributed around the City. The quantity of these blade signs will increase in future phases of the plan. Borg Babcock added that she would like to have the blade signs include “the same verbiage or titles as the brochure.”

Some parks may just receive blade signs (to save on costs) while others will warrant more substantial signage (i.e. historical information added to Big Woods Preserve signage and hours of operation and rules on Beach signage.)

Dudinsky will return to Board with Parks & Trails Wayfinding Signage draft and plan. One notable goal was to get Big Woods Preserve signage installed before Fall Anniversary Celebration.

2) Wayzata Parks and Trails Brochure:

A status update was provided by Evans regarding the Wayzata Parks and Trails Brochure. An open discussion took place around final edits and requested changes. A greater discussion developed around the brochure copy and final direction for that section. Borg Babcock and Cunningham agreed to rewrite portions of that copy and provide to Evans by June 2nd. Evans will then communicate Board edit recommendations to brochure designer, Tara Jenkins, for final updating.

3) Review of Chairman Baasen Meeting with City Manager, Heidi Nelson:

Meeting Discussion Centered On:

- Capital Projects – Dog Park and H Dock at Beach
 - Nelson is okay advancing discussion to Council (she will do)
 - Chairman Baasen will put together detail on what Park & Trails Board would like to present
- Parks & Trails Integration with Lake Effect Discussions
- Connectivity Support – ways for citizens and community supporters to contribute financially. Challenge is to not confuse a Park & Trails contribution with a Lake Effect contribution.
- Clean Up Meeting Minutes and Submission Procedures of Final Versions

4) Spring Activity Update by Director of Public Service, Dave Dudinsky

Late Spring and turnover of two employees brought added challenges. Parks Department is working hard on getting everything ready for June 7th Wayzata Beach Opening (two new life

guard towers were ordered and should be in place by season start.) There was significant damage from the rough Winter so lots of time has been spent on repairing numerous items. Additional dog dispensers are being added as well as drinking fountains. Hope is to have Adirondack chairs available to test at next Parks and Trails Board meeting.

Beach concession did run into a costly power issue, but Council decided to continue to move forward with plans.

New Business:

Summer Activities/James J. Hill Days/Fundraising:

An open discussion took place around what Board would like to see for Summer Activities in the City. Ideas included: a Parks & Trail Tent at the James J Hill Days event, adding Pickleball lines to the Bell Tennis Courts due to the increased popularity of the sport, possibly adding beach yoga for kids and bringing in Authors.

Further discussion took place around Fundraising. Board would like to see a communication system to encourage people to sponsor (i.e. new Adirondack chairs.)

Other Business:

Borg Babcock mentioned that she would like to donate trees to the Post Office Pocket Park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Holly Evans