



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 11, 2014
7:00 pm

Wayzata City Hall, Conference Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call**
2. **Approval of December 11, 2014 Meeting Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2014 Board Meeting**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **East Buffer Zone Trail Update**
 - b. **Web Site Update**
 - c. **Strategic Plan 2015**
 - d. **Mission Statement Update/Confirmation**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **New Board Member Orientation Discussion**
 - b. **Ice Skating/Hockey Proposal Wayzata Bay – Pat Sullivan**
6. **Adjourn**

SURVEY LEGEND

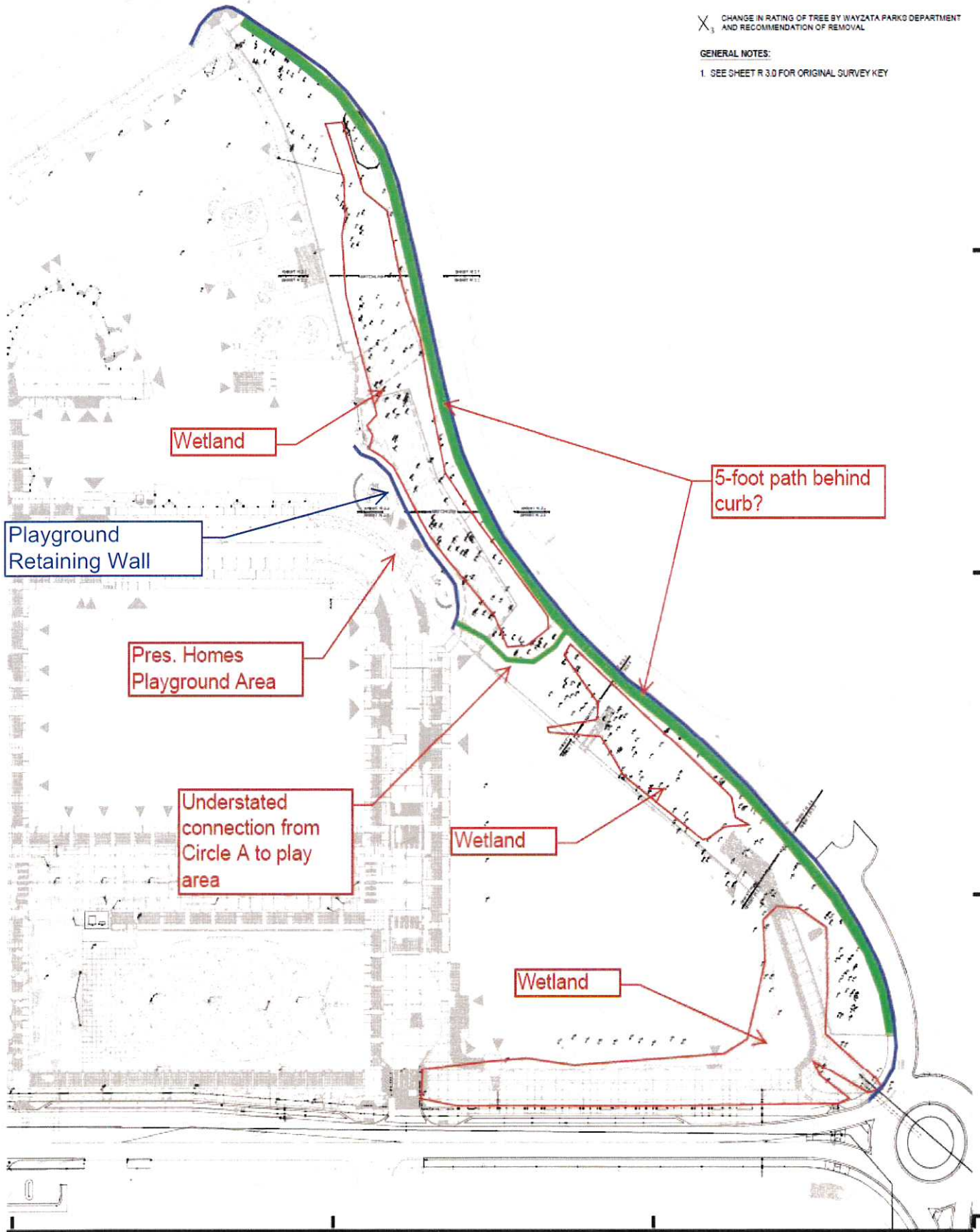
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X₂ CHANGE IN RATING OF TREE BY WAYZATA PARKS DEPARTMENT

X₃ CHANGE IN RATING OF TREE BY WAYZATA PARKS DEPARTMENT
AND RECOMMENDATION OF REMOVAL

GENERAL NOTES:

1. SEE SHEET R 3.0 FOR ORIGINAL SURVEY KEY



November 2014

WAYZATA BEACH and MARINA *220 Grove Lane*

Given to the citizens of Wayzata's in 1930 by the first mayor, Rufus Rand, this sand beach on the north side of Lake Minnetonka is an ideal place during the summer heat. The grassy areas are shaded and picnic tables and Adirondacks chairs are placed near the waters edge for enjoying this setting. Lifeguards are on duty from noon to 6 p.m. 7 days a week when the temperature is above 65 degrees F. There is a playground centrally located for 3-8 year old children. Public bathrooms and changing rooms are also available with a fresh water shower and drinking fountain located north of the beach house. Watch for the opening of the food concession at the beach house. A dock will be installed in 2015 for a children's safety area and lap swimming at the deeper end. This beach is located just across the bridge, east of Shaver Park and close to the Dakota Rail Trail head.

Amenities

- Sand beach with docks
- Treed grassy lawn area
- Picnic benches
- Public bathrooms and changing rooms
- Fresh water outdoor shower (seasonal)
- Children's play area (ages 3-8 yrs.)
- Fishing
- Drinking Fountain (seasonal)
- Picnic tables
- Food Concession
- Parking
- Paddleboard rentals (pending weather and availability)
- Dog waste dispenser
- Park within walking distance of SHAVER PARK and the DAKOTA RAIL TRAIL head

THE LAGOON 220 Grove Lane East

These lagoons adjacent to the beach were first dredged from marshland in 1926. Today the marina can accommodate 101 motorboats and is reserved for residents participating in an annual lottery for space. Parking stickers for the popular beach and marina are available free to residents and may be purchased by other visitors. Free parking, located further to the north is also available without a sticker.

Water quality is monitored by Hennepin County (*closings will be posted*)

For more information about parking stickers or marina lottery contact or visit Wayzata City Hall, 600 Rice St., 952-473-0234.

BELL COURTS PARK (*address*)

Bell Courts Park, originally called the Tourist Park by local residents features 3 stripped tennis or pickle ball courts and is located on the NW corner of Park and Minnetonka Avenue north of Klapprich Field and Park near the water tower. The Louise H. Bell cabana overlooking the courts was a gift to the city in the mid 1960s from the James Ford Bell Family when Wheelock Whitney was Mayor of Wayzata. The park features restrooms open from sun up to sun down 7 days a week and a patio/deck area overlooking the courts. Seating is available on the cabana deck.

This treed park also features an outside grill, two picnic tables and a newly added Bocce Ball Court.

Courts are available to the public for both open play and reservations. All reservations will be posted on the activity board south of the tennis and pickle ball courts. Watch our calendar for pickle ball demonstrations and other activities.

Residents may reserve courts by calling Wayzata Parks Department at 952-404-5366.

Amenities:

- 3 Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts
- Bocce Ball Court
- Cabana shelter with seating
- Public Bathroom
- Picnic benches

- Charcoal grill
- Parking
- Dog waste dispenser
- Within walking distance of KLAPPRICH FIELD and PARK
- Rental Availability

WAYZATA BIG WOODS *1220 Wayzata Blvd. E.*

This 14-acres of the Big Woods is one of the last remnants of a hard wood forest that once covered much of Central Minnesota and the East Coast. Enjoy native wildflowers in spring such as Bloodroot, Jack-in-the-Pulpits, Anemone and the spectacular fall beauty in a forest filled with Sugar Maples and Basswood trees. March is a time when the sap becomes active and Maple tree tapping is occasionally scheduled. Located east of Colonial Square Shopping Center, this 1930s Tudor estate was preserved by the citizens of Wayzata in partnership with private donors and The Retreat, a recovery organization that occupies the center of the 23-acre site. A rustic path invites visitors to walk through the 14-acre park. 6 parking stalls are located to the left as you enter. Open from sunset to sundown, 7 days a week.

Amenities:

- Chipped walking trail
- 2 Benches
- Wildflowers-May to June
- Fall leaf color viewing-October to November
- Parking

CHILDREN'S GARDEN *620 Rice St.*

On the north side of the Wayzata Library, this small flower garden with seating is a special place for story time – or just constructive daydreaming. The Children's Garden can be accessed either through the library or through the gate on the northeast corner off Broadway and Rice St. This facility offers a number of events geared to small children throughout the summer. Please contact the Wayzata Library at 952-8476150 or [<visit their website>](#) for more information about activities.

Amenities:

- Gardens
 - Seating
 - Fenced
 - Library activities
 - Rental Availability
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CITY HALL PARK *600 Rice St.*

High on the hill above the downtown business district, the garden and grassy area on the south side of the library offers a spectacular all-seasons view of Wayzata Bay and beyond. The garden, library and nearby city hall are located on the original Public Square, the first park platted by Oscar Garrison in 1858. The area offers several benches for relaxing, reading a good book (or even a book that's not good) or just enjoying the breezes and outstanding view. Play Bocce Ball on the west side area.

Amenities:

- Benches
 - Gardens
 - Overlook to Wayzata Bay
 - Bocce Ball
 - Dog waste dispenser
 - Parking
 - Public bathrooms (during library hours)
 - Close to LIBRARY
 - Rental Availability
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DAKOTA RAIL TRAIL *220 Grove Lane E.*

The trailhead and parking are located just north of the Wayzata Beach. This Three Rivers Park paved trail meanders on the old railroad bed 13 miles through Minnetonka Beach,

Spring Park, Mound and Minnetrista with wonderful views of Lake Minnetonka. Once in St. Bonifacius it's another 12.5 miles to Mayer, MN. Biking, hiking and jogging are popular activities. Rest benches and small shelters are available along the trail. Family friendly.

Amenities: some just south of trailhead at WAYZATA BEACH area

- Benches
 - Food Concession (seasonal)
 - Bathrooms/changing rooms
 - Drinking fountain and fresh water shower
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THE DEPOT 402 Lake St. E.

This 1906 historic train station is one of the city's most popular gathering places for residents and visitors. Lovely perennial gardens planted and maintained by volunteers with the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club add to the ambiance of this park site abutting the shoreline of Wayzata Bay. Sit and relax on the shaded lawn and watch the arrival/departure of the restored streetcar boat *The Minnehaha* or sail boats on the bay. The Depot also has benches and Adirondacks chairs for seating and an overlook platform at the waters edge. The Wayzata Historical Society's railroad museum inside the Depot is open April thru New Years Day on weekends from noon-4. This terrazzo-floored waiting room still has many of the original furnishings from James J. Hill's era. A volunteer-run miniature garden railroad activity outside (spring through fall) is fascinating for children of all ages.

Picnic tables are available on the lawn areas. A lakeside boardwalk west to the Wayzata Beach is also available.

The Depot lawn is the setting for summer concerts sponsored by the Greater Wayzata Chamber of Commerce <Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce> or call 952-473-9595 for schedule.

Amenities:

- Located directly on waters edge
- BNSF train viewing
- Train Museum in historic depot
- Public bathrooms (within Depot-April thru December)

- Children's outdoor miniature railroad and garden (seasonal)
- Benches
- Adirondacks chairs
- Picnic tables
- Beautiful perennial gardens
- Shade treed lawn area
- Summer concerts
- Platform overlook
- Historic Charter Boat docks
- Public docks for visitors
- Waters edge boardwalk to WAYZATA BEACH
- Dog-waste dispenser?
- Parking
- Rental availability

GREAT LAWN *800 block of Lake St. E*

Planned for completion in 201??, this expansive green space on the former Bay Center property, will be open to the public for concerts and other events.

HERITAGE PARK at BATSON'S CORNER *1106 Wayzata Blvd. E.*

At the city's busiest intersection, Wayzata Boulevard and Central Avenue (101 N.), a small corner park celebrates the city's heritage. From 1912 to 2000 this area was known as Batson's Corner because the Batson family farmed this Southeastern portion. After a number of commercial enterprises found success difficult on this high traffic corner, the city purchased this site in the late 1990's and it soon became the park to honor the men and women who had served in the armed forces.

The park offers several perennial gardens and features a historic looking bus shelter, a flagpole, extensive landscaping, a short brick walking path and a number of benches. The park is used for community gatherings and yearly for Veteran's Day and Memorial

Day ceremonies. Bricks and benches honor local loved ones.

Amenities:

- Brick walking path
- Perennial Gardens
- Benches

KLAPPRICH PARK and FIELD 340 Wayzata Blvd. East

Klapprich Field and Park are popular and busy all year. A warming house and outdoor fireplace enhance enjoyment even in cold weather.

Klapprich Park has playground equipment and picnic tables with grilling facilities to the East and tennis courts to the North. This Park is located between Minnetonka Ave. N and Barry Ave. N.

Klapprich Field offers a baseball field located near the water tower off of Wayzata Blvd. and an enclosed dog park in the summer and an ice-skating and an ice hockey rink in the winter.

To rent the park for softball tournaments or other gatherings, call 952.404.5366. [Rental Policy and Application PDF](#)

The rinks are open the week before Christmas (conditions permitting) through Mid-February. The warming house and skating rink will be open with an attendant on duty, weather permitting, weekdays from 3PM-10PM and 10AM-10PM weekends and days when Wayzata public schools are not in session. Watch our community calendar for opening times.

Klapprich Field Amenities:

- Seasonal enclosed Dog Park with dog waste dispensers, picnic table and shaded area.
- Parking
- Rental availability
- Seasonal Concessions

- Seasonal drinking fountain
- Seasonal bathroom
- Benches

Klapprich Park Amenities:

- Parking
- Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Charcoal grills
- Walking distance to Bell Courts for Tennis/Pickleball
- Lawn areas
- Shade tree areas

LUCE LINE TRAIL (address?)

This trail can be accessed either over the pedestrian bridge in the north 300 block of Minnetonka Avenue or north of the bridge off Ferndale Avenue North in Wayzata.

This 63-mile long limestone trail starts in Plymouth and travels the old railroad bed 30 miles to Winsted and then on to Hutchinson, Cedar Mills and out to Cosmos, MN. Biking, hiking, jogging and horseback riding are popular activities on this trail with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter. Rest areas are available. View a map and check out the virtual tour at www.luce-line-trail.com.

MARGARET CIRCLE PARK 300 block of Margaret Circle

This small neighborhood park is a low-key summer play field and winter ice rink.

Amenities:

- Ice skating

- Open grassy lawn
- Shade tree edge
- Benches
- Dog-waste dispenser?

NATURE CENTER 1115 LaSalle St.

A 13.5-acre wetland, the Nature Center is an important filter for Lake Minnetonka. Currently, it is closed to the public.

POST OFFICE POCKET PARK 228 Minnetonka Ave. S.

Featuring the design and sculpture by renowned Minneapolis based artist Siah Armajani, this small “pocket park” was a gift to the city from Judy Dayton and Lucy & Ken Dayton in the mid 1990s. It is meant to be a calming place for people to meet and enjoy. It’s located across from the historical 1941 WPA Wayzata Post Office. The layout and design of the benches in the park contribute to the area’s artistic flavor.

Armajani also designed the Irene Hixon Whitney Bridge and gazebo by the Walker Art Center, The Skybridge in downtown Minneapolis and the Humphrey Garden at the University of Minnesota, just to name a few local projects. He was also commissioned to design the 1996 Centennial cauldron and bridge for the summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. We are fortunate to have this small gem in Wayzata.

Watch for tulips, crocus and other spring bulbs to emerge in the spring of 2015.

Amenities:

- Wooden walking path
 - Lawn areas
 - Benches
 - Shade tree areas
 - Perennial garden with spring bulbs
 - Street Parking
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SHAVER PARK 220 Grove Lane

Shaver Park is located west of the public beach and lagoon on Grove Lane. This park, originally call Hoagland Woods was purchased by the city in 1922. Early in the 21st century, this park was renamed, honoring one of the early settlers in this area (1850s) and a descendent, the respected former Mayor Craig Shaver, Sr. (1947-1948).

A walking trail winds through the park's mature Sugar Maple trees and next to the 1800s Trapper's Cabin saved by the Heritage Preservation Board and citizens of Wayzata. In the fall of 2014 the cabin was moved from Bushaway Road to this location.

The park offers 2 grills, 3 picnic tables and sand volleyball court on the lower portion next to the marina lagoons. Public bathrooms are immediately across the lagoon walking bridge at the beach house.

Amenities:

- Historic Trapper's Cabin
- Mature trees
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Walking path (blacktop)
- Picnic tables
- Charcoal Grills
- Marshland flower areas
- Canoe and Kayak stands available thru city lottery
- Dog-waste dispenser
- Parking
- Close to WAYZATA BEACH and DAKOTA RAIL TRAIL head
- Public bathrooms within walking distance

WAYZATA WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL COURTS 149 Barry Ave. N.

North of Wayzata West Middle School on Barry Ave. these courts are open to the public during the summer months. There are four tennis and pickle-ball courts.

Amenities:

- 4 Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts
- Backboard
- Benches or Seating?

SECTION FOREMAN'S HOUSE (address?)

This area is closed to the public at this time but west of this lake side area are located ___#___ public boat dock spaces for visitors.

TO: Merrily Borg Babcock, Wayzata Parks & Trails Board
FROM: Al & Pat Sullivan
DATE: 12/11/2014
RE: Construction of public skating area and pond hockey rink in downtown Wayzata

Objective:

To generate consumerism for local businesses from this activity
To drive activity into the community via open skating and pond hockey
To encourage winter month usage of a popular community natural/recreational resource

Concept:

One (1) 40' x 80' boarded hockey rink
One (1) 100' x 200' unboarded open skating area
One (1) TBD lighting system for the boarding hockey rink
One (1) TBD lighting system for the unboarded open skating area
One (1) heated dressing/prep area
TBD ice maintenance/resurfacing capabilities

Costs:

The overall cost is TBD, but can be easily estimated in one of two ways. With introduction from this board, we can consult with local parks and recreation personnel to arrive at an estimate. Additionally we can consult with North American Rink Conference & Expo (NARCE) personnel. We have begun pursuing the second option already if for no other reason than to obtain a second opinion/estimate.

In order to reduce/eliminate cost for the City of Wayzata, we can pursue sponsors for the boarding, the lighting system, the dressing/prep area and, conceivably, the ice maintenance/resurfacing capabilities. If the City of Wayzata consents to this approach, appropriate personnel will review any sponsor proposals before submission to the sponsor prospect (in order to ensure proposed sponsor deliverables fall in line with the tastes and sensibilities of the community). We will also need an insurance policy, which we are awaiting an initial estimate.

Considerations:

Location - Is the potential location of the rink one that will attract the traffic we envision?

Community Support – Will this be accepted/embraced by local residents and businesses?

Redundancy – Is another rink necessary? Klapprich is only a few blocks from downtown Wayzata.

Safety – How do we make the area safe/enjoyable for all? How do we protect valuable equipment?

Next Steps:

- Work with this board to conduct feasibility study on potential locations for rinks
- Work with this board to finalize concept and cost estimate
- Craft construction & operating plan with a timeline for this board
- Explore sponsorship opportunities; solicit feedback from community and businesses on activities involving the new skating pavilion

Dave Dudinsky

Subject: FW: Ice hockey on the lake in downtown Wayzata

From: Arthur T Saunders [<mailto:Arthur.Saunders@hennepin.us>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 4:07 PM

To: Dave Dudinsky

Cc: Kent M Vnuk

Subject: RE: Ice hockey on the lake in downtown Wayzata

Dave,

It was good to speak with you today about this. As I stated on the telephone, my concerns are what you had listed below as well to include:

Location – There is bubbling in progress at The Boatworks which has caused concern in the past with cracks and water on top of the ice

Access – If the proposed area is toward the middle of the bay (off of Broadway Ave South) how will the persons using this get to it with all their gear? It is my recollection a lot of ice boats are stored right off the Public Access which may hamper vehicle traffic. Also with this, during my three years with the Water Patrol Office, there have been huge pressure ridges toward Spirit Island which concern us

Litter – Trash and refuse would definitely be an issue with an open public hockey rink

Berms – What will be surrounding this hockey rink? Due to navigational hazards with snowmobiles / ATV's, it would be impossible to put up a permanent wood structure due to possible injury to the rider

Lighting – This would need to be lighted all night long to designate the area

Attended – Due to the litter / lighting this site may require an attendant to ensure the safety of the area

Ice houses – Will the location of the hockey rink be affecting the ice houses which may already be established in the area?

Other activities – How would the location of the hockey rink affect the Chili Open and other winter lake activities?

I am including my replacement on this email so you have his email.

Art

Lt. Art Saunders

Sheriff's Office – Water Patrol Unit

4141 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park, MN 55384

612-543-0667

From: daved@wayzata.org

Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 3:02 PM

To: Arthur T Saunders

Subject: Ice hockey on the lake in downtown Wayzata

Hi Lt Saunders:

I'm the public service director for the City of Wayzata. I also am the staff representative to our Parks & Trails Board.

Below (in red text) is an email from a group of local residents that are interested in having a skating rink on Lake Minnetonka in Wayzata Bay during the winter months.

They have contacted one of our Parks & Trails Board members to see if the board will give them support for the idea.

The board is having their monthly meeting this Thursday evening at 7pm at Wayzata City Hall. Two supporters of the ice rink idea will be at the board meeting.

Could you give me a call please. I'd like your initial thoughts and any chance someone from Water Patrol could attend?

My office number is: 952-404-5361 and my cell is: 952-221-0499.

Thanks

Dave

Hi Merrily,

I hope you are doing well! The reason for my email is to introduce to you two very good friends of mine, Pat and Al Sullivan and hopefully start a dialog with you regarding ice hockey on the lake in downtown Wayzata. Pat and Al are copied on this email. Pat, Al and many of their friends are longtime Wayzata residents and share a love for hockey.

They expressed an interest in forming a hockey league on the lake. I recently brought this idea to the attention of Heidi Nelson, city manager for Wayzata. She suggested the best place to start was with the parks and trails commission. I immediately thought of you!

Would you be so kind as to give us some guidance on the best way to initiate a meaningful dialog on the subject, and how we may go about moving this along? We'd be very happy to meet with you at your convenience. Any counsel is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Merrily!

All the best,

Tim



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