

Minutes:

Park and Trails Board Meeting 12/11/14

Meeting called to order at 7:11 by chair, Dan Baasen at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen, Chairman, Merrily Babcock, Vice Chair, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans, & Sarah Randolph. Also present from city staff was Dave Dudinsky, and Council Member Bridget Anderson, and guests, Pat and Al Sullivan.

New Business: (Moved ahead of Old business to take care of our guests)

- a. New Board Member Orientation Discussion
- b. Ice Skating/ Hockey Proposal Wayzata Bay – Pat Sullivan

What are some of the winter activities that could enhance the Wayzata Winter environment? Would open skating and pond hockey generate more traffic into the city? It would be nice to increase the lake use during the winter. We could determine that feasibility by talking to other communities who have done this in the past.

Concepts:

One (1) 40' x 80' boarded hockey rink

One (1) 100' x 200' unboarded open skating area

One (1) TBD lighting system for the boarded hockey rink

One (1) TBD lighting system for the unboarded open skating area

One (1) heated dressing/ prep area

TBD ice maintenance/ resurfacing capabilities

One concern was cost and maintenance. In addition there is open water due to the bubblers at the Cov Docks and the Boat Works docks. There was suggestion of the using the Section Foreman's house as an endurance point to the lake and a warming house. It was a unanimous decision to move forward with learning more from a cost and logistics perspective.

There was a Motion to approve the last meetings minutes. Babcock motioned and Cunningham seconded. Minutes passed.

Old Business:

- a. East buffer zone Trail Update – Looking for the most logical option for a pathway. Is the path woodchips or what makes the most sense? It would proceed from Superior all the way down to

the roundabout. What will happen with the old Cottonwood tree in the middle of the buffer zone? There has been discussion of it being carved to be a sort of decorative, fun tunnel to walk through since the tree has been there for so long. For the walkway we are open to material, blacktop or wood chips? Bituminous? Does it become a raised walkway? How do we connect that east end of Wayzata with downtown? Could we get help with funding from the Water Shed district or the same people who did the walkway at Wood Rill to help build it? Is this part of the Park and Trails Board responsibility or does this fall under city jurisdiction as a walkway?

- b. Discussion of the name of the park at Heritage Park. Should we call it by its official name which is Heritage Park at Batson's corner. Babcock is going to pull the old meeting minutes from back then to see what the discussion was.
- c. Website Updates- Notes were reviewed and changes were made. Lifeguard clarification from June-Aug. The Lagoon, water quality monitoring gets moved to the beach section. Bell Courts – NW to be spelled out instead of abbreviated. Wayzata Big Woods – would we like to add more benches up there at some point? The word boulevard in the addresses should be spelled out. The Depot – This should be changed to The Wayzata Depot and Railroad Museum. Heritage Park at Batson's Corner – spell out east and boulevard, Klapprich Park and Field – add "off leash" to dog park, remove charcoal grill. Luce Line Trail – switch the listing of the access points so that the Ferndale Rd access is listed first. Margaret Circle- switch to "on street parking". Post Office Park – spell out South, remove 2015 and have it just read spring.

Motion made by Joanie and seconded by Evans to approve the verbiage for the website as amended.

- d. Strategic Plan 2015 – What are our plans to get more people to use our parks? Story time at the Trappers cabin, other children's activities, and sporting activities.
- e. Discussion about the proposed new members to the board and the council's recommendation to accept all the new applicants. There are 4 spots and 5 applicants. Baasen expressed concern that our current Park and Trails board would grow by 60%. Evans seconded the concern. Does it make sense to turn people away that are willing to volunteer their time?
- f. Mission Statement was agreed upon that it still fits what we are looking to do.

Baasen Motioned to adjourn, Babcock seconded. Adjourned at 9:45