

Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 2013
Location: Section Foreman's House

Meeting was call to order by Chair Dan Baasen at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham, Dick Himes, and Merrily Borg Babcock and Director of Public Services Dave Dudinsky. Guest: Deb Dudinsky

Meeting Minutes from July 17,2013

- Approved with no additions or corrections.
- Himes discussed the recommendation to have minutes from a board meeting distributed one week after the meeting was held while Dan remembered that it was one week prior to the next meeting. After some discussion a vote was taken in favor of presenting meeting minutes one week after meeting took place. Babcock moved to approve, 2nd by Randolph. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and Review of Parks and Trials Board Priorities for CIP Budgets

- Cunningham questioned whether her comments/priorities where included. Babcock affirmed it. Those comments and selections had been listed at the July 17 meeting (see attachment).
- Questions arose as to the selection of priorities listed in the PowerPoint presentation and why some items that only received one vote were listed while others which also received one vote where not included in this presentation to Council. Discussion followed.

A decision was agreed to have the Board approve all items presented to Council prior to this event.

Himes motioned to approve, 2nd by Cunningham, Also approved by Babcock and Randolph, Nay by Baasen. Himes amended motion to read not to exceed one week turn-around time. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: *Scribe will record all items receiving 4 votes, 3 votes, 2 votes and all suggestions with one vote as an attachment to these meeting minutes for August.*

- ☐ Dudinsky added that if the Board wanted to include other items, we could now fine-tune our selections, as there is money in the CIP for Parks for the next 12-18 months.
- ☐ Himes questioned how Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds were distributed. Dudinsky explained that Parks had a budget for improvements and additions such as picnic table construction and another area for maintenance or wages, such as tires for parks vehicles came out of tax levy (?) New items came out of CIP Funds.
- The question arose, as there had been some disagreement about changing the wooden walkway to a cement path at the Post Office Pocket Park, 228 Minnetonka Ave. So. Artist Siah Armajaani designed this public works sculpture for the Park. The land and art commission was donated by Lucy J. Dayton and Julia W. and Kenneth N. Dayton to the city in 1996.
 - o Could said sculpture materials be changed for a less costly repair and easier maintenance in the future?
 - o Did the Dayton donors provide money for the upkeep of this piece of art or was this the responsibility of the city?

ACTION ITEM: *Dick Himes will look into this and report back to the board at the next meeting.*

Other OLD BUSINESS:**Nature Center Tour review and recommendations**

The Nature Center tour was held on Saturday, August 18 at 9 a.m., Attending: Parks and Trails Board members Baasen, Himes, Cunningham and Babcock plus, Mayor Willcox, CC Members Tanner and Mullin and Parks Staff Kurt Klapprich.

- Tour began on entrance north of LaSalle and then the majority of the attendees walk the rim of the 16 acre parkland that consist of hardwood forest, marsh and storm water pond.

Suggestions and Ideas:

- o Consider removing fence that has been destroyed by fallen trees to allow for the natural walkway of wildlife.
- o Look into renting a goatherd to remove the buckthorn that has invaded the woods area along the eastern and northern portions of the forested areas.
- o Don't repair what was present in 1977 prior to having a solid plan that can be maintained.

NEW BUSINESS:**Website review:**

- A new program will be developed for Wayzata's website beginning in 2014.

ACTION ITEM: Board members were asked to view other websites they find engaging and write down their suggestions for the updated Parks and Trails Tab.

Future Meeting Times and Schedule:

- The board discussed whether the third Wednesday of the month was still a good time to meet, as this was a temporary 6-month commitment until it would be reviewed. Babcock mentioned that this time frame was after both City Council meetings. Himes mentioned that if there was anything to present to council that we had time to polish up any presentations. Cunningham mentioned that she had scheduled her work/travel calendar to this time commitment. Himes moved to keep the same time schedule, 2nd by Randolph. Agreed unanimously.

Section Foreman's House Observation:

- The Board members toured the Section Foreman's House and discussed its history and the many organizations that have an interest in this property at this time. Heritage Preservation Board, Wayzata Historical Society, Lake Effect Group, and Parks and Trails Board. It was suggested that in the future we have a workshop with all groups or agencies, BNSF a key player as there is a question about what land is owned by the railroad.

OTHER ITEMS:

There was also discussion by Babcock that this would be an opportune time to promote a tree-planting program since there were numerous trees lost with the June 21 storm. Himes questioned whether the Parks and Trails Board should be championing this effort and Randolph thought we could possibly incorporate this since we had an interest in public lands. Dudinsky did mention that there would be a discussion with Council on Oct. 15 about the EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) and actions to take. There was an agreement by the Board that the city staff would initiate any tree planting program for residents.

Also discussed was the TRAPPER'S CABIN and it's delivery to the Public Works site from Bushaway Road. This cabin will be relocated to one of the parks in Wayzata after it has been renovated. Presbyterian Homes has offered assistances. Shaver Park was discussed. Location is pending.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. City Hall Community Room

AGENDA for the September

Web site research

Pricing and ideas for priority list recommendation:

- H-dock and raft at beach

- Fireplace or fire pit at beach

- Drinking fountains

- Amenities in other parks Board Members visit

- 2-4* items on priority list

All additions and corrections need to be received by September 10.

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:25 by Sarah Randolph, 2nd by Joanie Cunningham

Merrily Borg Babcock: Recording Sec'y