



## **Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

**Attendees:** Chair Tory Schalkle, Bianca Jensen, Jon Erickson, Graciela Gonzalez, and Council Member Molly McDonald

**Staff:** Parks Planner, Nick Kieser

**Consultants:** Robert Slipka from WSB and Tim McIlwain from HCM Architects

1. **Klapprich Park Tour:** Members of the Board toured Klapprich Park with the consultants to discuss the proposed improvements.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM at the Wayzata Hennepin County Library.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda as shown was made by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Gonzales. Approved 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as shown was made by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Gonzales. Approved 4-0.
5. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
6. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Klapprich Park Design Development Discussion** – WSB presented two Klapprich Park concept plan designs. The Board agreed they would like to present two concept plans to the community to gather high-level feedback then Board could further refine based on their feedback.

The Board altered the original concept designs to the following:

Concept 2: Gravel trail, stairway, and sidewalk were added.

Concept 1: Stairs up to Bell Courts, keep and show the playground pad where the current playground is, the gravel trail and sidewalk were removed, U11 soccer lines were removed from field, and baseball backstop was moved to northeast corner.

These updated renderings will be presented at the July 11 Klapprich open house, with the main points to understand (1) which overall design is most liked and (2) which elements (e.g., gravel trail, ball field, sidewalk) are most and least liked.

- b. Miscellaneous Budget Update** – Parks Planner Nick Kieser noted that the Parks and Trails CIP will continue to be discussed by the Council in the fall. Deputy City Manager Yager will present the proposed CIP to the Board at the July Parks & Trails Board meeting to ensure alignment on what projects should be prioritized near-term vs. long-term. Parks Planner Nick Kieser said no notable changes are anticipated, and Board's 2024-2025 priorities of Bell Court + Middle School tennis court repairs and Klapprich playground remain prioritized.

## **7. New Business.**

- a. Spring Splash Update/JJ Hill Days Booth** – Board Member Jensen shared that some people stopped by the Spring Splash booth and the event overall was a success.

The Board had a lengthy discussion of whether reserving a James J. Hill booth was worth it. Board Member Erickson and Council Member MacDonald both acknowledged that most JJ Hill visitors live outside of Wayzata, which makes feedback difficult and skews our outreach intent. Chair Schalkle asked if there was any feedback the Board would like to gather that this event would be helpful for - the Board acknowledged Klapprich is the primary topic but there are already better, more Wayzata-focused venues for gathering that feedback.

The Board mentioned that in the past, the primary value appears to be distributing maps/brochures, and likely is not worth the money just to distribute those. After discussion, Board unanimously agreed that a booth at JJ Hill Days would not be worth the cost but that smaller community venues could still be worth it and they would give brochures for handout at another city tent (e.g., Heritage Preservation Board).

## **8. Other Business.**

- c. Communications Recap** – Staff has continued to advertise the Klapprich Park open house on July 11. Promotion of Sunday Music in the Park has started with the following media outlets:

- Facebook event has been created
- Put in the Wayzata Weekly
- Put in the July and August Wayzata Portal
- Social media posts
- Place poster in the Panoway bathroom location
- Place posters in the kiosks by Lake Street and the Hotel Landing
- Potential additional posters in sandwich boards could be placed in additional locations

The Board also reviewed the draft poster for the concerts and had no additional edits/changes to the poster.

- d. Staff updates** –

- The Council has approved the Middle School tennis courts to go out for quotes. The quotes have a deadline of June 29.

- Staff and Chair Schalkle met to discuss the playground equipment funding issue. The next steps are to send the vendor communication noting the understanding of the Board and City that all the playground equipment has been paid for.

**9. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next Parks and Trails Board meeting is on July 19.