



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

Attendees: Chair Schalkle, Vice Chair Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Showalter, Bianca Jensen, and Blake Cameron.

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Schalkle at 6:08 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with addition of a park strategy discussion by Schalkle, seconded by Randolph. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Borg Babcock motioned to approve the minutes with proposed amendments, seconded by Randolph. Minutes approved unanimously as amended.
- 4. Public Comments:** Board members noted the following items during the public comment:
 - A portion of the sidewalk was removed at 150 Broadway Ave S which resulted in dangerous walking conditions.
 - General clean-up and maintenance of Little Beach is needed.
 - There is an overflow of garbage in Panoway, specifically, the receptacles between the public restroom and Lake Minnetonka.
 - Noted that there are no dog waste stations between the Village Shoppes and Panoway.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Klapprich Park Design Development Update.** Staff provided an update of the current plan set and cost estimates. These items will be presented to the City Council at their April 23rd workshop meeting. Staff also reviewed the results of the community survey.

The Board focused on the total estimated cost since the allocated budget in 2025 is significantly less than what is currently estimated. Some of the proposed projects would most likely need to be removed from the scope of the project or delayed too accommodate the budget. From this discussion, the main points were made:

- Cabana renovation is not a high priority. Explore possibilities to complete a general refresh of the building instead.
- If the warming house renovation needs to be delayed, there is still a priority to add a separate entrance to access the restrooms.
- Minnetonka Ave sidewalk is not a high priority, and this cost could potentially be funded outside of the Parks and Trails budget.
- There was significant discussion on the stairway and hillslide slides that connect Bell Courts to Klapprich Park. The cost for this improvement is significant, but there could be a need to delay this project or find more cost-effective solutions.
- There is still a high priority on the playground and parking lot.

Staff noted that after the Council discussion, there could be a more detailed conversation on options to remove projects from the scope or delay certain items.

- b. Bell Courts.** Staff noted that there has been a desire from the community to include a 4-foot-high fence in between the pickleball courts running north/south. If the Board wanted to include these fences, then now would be the time to act since construction of the courts is underway. The Board discussed the pros of adding the fence. Schalkle made a motion to include the additional fence, seconded by Cameron. Approved unanimously.

The Board also discussed a potential opening event for the new courts. The event could be held in mid-July so the Board can think of different activities that can be held to open the courts. Potential options include tennis/pickleball lessons, food truck, demonstrations, etc. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board on the court construction and when the courts will be open.

- c. Spring Splash.** Spring Splash is scheduled on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The Board has noted their intention to participate in the event so a flyer was created with information and events that can be promoted at the event. Staff made note of the proposed edits to the flyer and Board Members can send any additional specific edits to staff after the meeting. Staff will also compile additional materials and items to have at the Parks and Trails table.

6. New Business

- a. Park Strategy.** Cameron noted that he would like more information on the purpose/direction of the Parks and Trails Board that guides the overall park strategy. The Board brought up the Parks and Trails Master Plan was created with the community's feedback which helps guide the Board recommendations. Chair Schackle stated that he is willing to meet with any Board Members to review the Master Plan and/or discuss the direction of the Board. Staff can also add the Parks and Trails Master Plan to a future agenda for further review.

7. Other Business

- a. Communications.** Staff will compile communication materials for the Spring Splash event. The Klapprich Park survey was also closed on April 17 so staff will compile the results to be shared at the next Board meeting.
- b. Staff Updates.** No additional staff updates currently.
- c. Future Agenda Items.**
 - Shaver Park Tour
 - Klapprich Park Update
 - Bell Courts Update
 - Spring Splash Evaluation
- d. Adjournment.** The next meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, May 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.