



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2024
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

Attendees: Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, JP Yorro, and Blake Cameron.

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

1. The Parks and Trails Board held a tour of Shaver Park from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:42p.m.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as shown by Cameron, seconded by Yorro. Approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Cameron motioned to approve the minutes as shown, seconded by Yorro. Minutes approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comments.** No public comments were provided.
6. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Klapprich Park Design Development.** Staff provided an update on the City Council workshop discussion that was held on April 23. A summary of the Council's comments were attached to the agenda packet. Generally, Council noted that the cost is too high and should be reduced or phased out. Specific comments included:
 - Include a lighting plan and tree inventory in upcoming planning phases.
 - Show additional planters to soften the building and add umbrellas at the tables.
 - The parking lot seems too large so explore options to reduce the spaces. Also, explore options for permeable pavers. The Board noted that reducing the spaces is not recommended and that 20 spaces would be needed during busy times.
 - The hillside stairs and slides do not seem necessary and are expensive.
 - Ensure that we include park amenities like grills, picnic tables, and benches.
 - Explore creative options for the existing play area. Ideas include horseshoes, garden, hammocks, etc.
 - ADA accessibility is imperative so the cabana work should include an ADA accessible path.

- Ensure that the materials for the warming house are durable.
- Include more cubbies and less lockers for the warming house space to keep it flexible.
- Explore solar options for the warming house.
- Council liked the idea of creating a restrooms that are available year-round.
- For the cabana, the price is significant for minimal work. Council wanted to keep the cabana scope minimal. This could include adding a water bottle filler/fountain and a general refresh of the building.
- The addition of a kitchenette is too expensive for the benefits.

Staff noted that the next step for this project is to discuss the proposed budget at the June 18 Council workshop. The Board discussed the option to complete all the lower Klapprich projects and have the cabana project as phase 2 of the overall project. Since the hillside stairs and slides are not a high priority this could be included as an alternate bid. If the bids received show lower prices or if grant funds are secured then the stairs and slides could be completed with the rest of the lower Klapprich projects. The Board agreed that this plan is reasonable. Staff will work with the consultants with the updated project scope and include updated costs at the upcoming Council workshop.

- b. Bell Courts Update and Opening Day Event.** Staff noted that the courts are now paved so now the pavement needs to settle which takes approximately 30 days. The next step is to add the color coating which will occur in mid-June.

The Board discussed the opening day event and decided on a date of June 25 starting at 6:15 pm. The Parks and Trails Board meeting could occur after this event.

- c. Spring Splash Review.** Showalter and Jensen both participated at the Spring Splash event on behalf of the Parks and Trails Board. Showalter provided an update that the event was a success that had many participants. Showalter noted that the participants stated that they are excited about the potential improvements to the parks.

7. New Business.

- a. Parks and Trails Master Plan Review.** Staff noted that the Parks and Trails Master Plan was included in the agenda packet for the Board to review. The Board noted that this item could be discussed in more detail at an upcoming Board meeting.

8. Other Business

- a. Communications Recap.** Staff will start communication on the Bell Courts Opening Day Event once the color coating date is confirmed.

b. Staff Updates.

- The sidewalk that was removed on Broadway has a temporary fix as the building is underdevelopment.
- The dock at Little Beach has been installed and the space has been cleaned up.

- Maintenance of the iron fences is still planned to be completed this year. Staff needs to determine which areas will be worked on and when the work will occur.
- The Broadway and Depot docks are close to be finished and a parking payment system is going to be implemented. Residents will be able to sign up for free parking.
- Two new full-time park employees have been hired.

9. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

- a. The next meeting was voted to be rescheduled to June 25 after the Bell Courts Opening Day Event.