



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting (AMENDED) Agenda

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
6:00 pm

Wayzata City Hall, Conference Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call**
2. **Approval of May 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes of April 15th, 2015 Board Meeting**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Projects Update**
 - b. **Strategic Plan Update/Meeting Schedule**
 - c. **Beach Update**
 - d. **Australian Shade Sail at Doggie Park Update**
 - e. **Cottonwood Tree On Circle A Drive Memo**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **2016 CIP Process and meeting with City Council**
 - b. **Platform Tennis in Wayzata-Peter Hitch**
 - c. **JJ Hill Days; P & T Board Role**
 - d. **City Photo Contest**
6. **Adjourn**

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Dan Baasen. Present were Chair Dan Baasen and Board members Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham, Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Showalter, Holly Evans, and Jim McWethy, and staff Dave Dudinski. Absent: Ty Purdy.

An agenda rearrangement to accommodate the guests that were in attendance was approved unanimously.

Minor typo changes were made to the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting; Borg Babcock moved acceptance as amended, Randolph seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Bremer, the City's point person on the emerald ash borer infestation project, and Kyle Morris of City Public Works staff were welcomed by Chair Baasen. Bremer stated the ash borer has been identified as near as Lakewoods Cemetery in Minneapolis and will be affecting trees in Wayzata soon. The goal of the project is to identify and preserve ash trees that can be saved, and safely dispose of those that cannot. 100% of infested trees will die unless treated; treated trees can at this time often prevent progress of the disease by up to three years per treatment, after which treatment must be repeated. Dudinski stated Wayzata has an estimated 450 ash trees on city property and there are an estimated 4 times that many ash trees on private property. Dead trees can be hazardous from brittle and falling limbs, and the more brittle the trees become the more dangerous and expensive they are to remove. Once the infestation gains a foothold it will be very difficult to find an available contractor for removal. The city needs to be proactive in dealing with this problem; a team of volunteers is being organized for a survey of ash trees on city property and to assist with identification on private property as well. Ash trees need to be identified, rated by size and health/condition and prioritized for treatment or removal.

The city is holding a public forum on the ash borer infestation at the Public Works building on Saturday April 25 from 9am to 11am, for residents and potential volunteers. There will be a choice of 2 training sessions for volunteers to attend: Thursday May 28 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday June 6 from 9am to 11am. A discussion followed regarding possible volunteer recruitment options. Morris added insight gained from a workshop he attended last week as well.

Chair Bassen welcomed Scott Wanshura from Canvas Craft Corporation; he discussed design, shape, size, and price options for shade structure at the Klapprich hockey rink dog park. Dudinski pointed out that soil borings in the area of the hockey rink indicate very soft unstable soil and anchor posts will have to go down quite deep and be anchored in cement. Following Wanshura's presentation, a board discussion ensued on other options. Dudinski offered another option from Hom, and Borg Babcock some from internet web sites. The board informally supported finding an option that would be within preliminary budget which might also include picnic tables and/or chairs, and Dudinski offered to research further.

Kim Anderson, Chair of the Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board, presented an outline of a Heritage Board Event planned for the Friday after Memorial Day weekend, May 29, at the log cabin in Shaver Park. The event will be called Kids at the Cabin, will be for young children and their families, for a couple of hours in the late afternoon, and include stories, tours, and crafts for the kids. Anderson requested Parks & Trails Board assistance in promoting the event. Chair Baasen stated Parks and Trails would be happy to assist, and Randolph and Showalter offered to be the P & T Board contacts. Randolph and Babcock Borg suggested staff look into providing some cross section and split log seating in the vicinity of the cabin.

Chair Bassen and Dudinski also reported on discussions with city staff on P & T Board's questions regarding omission of a bike trail along Eastman Lane west from HY 101 on current construction plans. They reported there will in fact be a 6-ft wide multi-use paved trail along Eastman from HY 101 into downtown Wayzata, and additionally a sidewalk on the south side of Eastman from the vicinity of the Yacht Club into downtown. The 6-ft section cannot technically be designated a bike trail, but can be used by bikes; it is anticipated hardcore bikers will probably use the traffic lane in this section, and Eastman Lane will be posted with "Share the Road" signage.

Chair Baasen reported that the LMCD had unanimously approved Wayzata's request for 33 additional temporary floating docks for this summer: 16 each in the vicinity of Broadway and of the Depot, and one U-shaped dock at the Wayzata beach with hinged ramps connecting it to the beach. Dudinski stated the City Council will consider whether to buy or lease, and if leasing, for how many years. He also mentioned the beach concession is moving forward, issues with the city health inspector have been resolved, and the target date is still hopefully mid-June.

Dudinski reported the large cottonwood along Circle A Drive that has been removed is being looked at by a contractor to determine the practicality of making the remaining stump into a carving of some sort. Dudinski also stated that the trail along the southwest border of Circle A

Drive will be discussed at the next Council meeting, but it will probably be a soft surface trail along the curb, at least temporarily. It would be very difficult to obtain the necessary approvals and permits for an alternative meandering path through the buffer zone along Circle A in the short time available prior to beginning construction. The Board requested that staff continue to pursue the necessary permits in hopes that the trail path could be revised at a future date, and Chair Baasen suggested staff work with the Watershed District for assistance in getting the necessary permits, and also for the possibility of obtaining a grant for the work.

A Board discussion ensued regarding broad goals for a Parks & Trails 5-year Strategic Plan, one that also meshed with the City's current Strategic Plan in areas that impacted parks and trails. Chair Baasen suggested that the organizational structure of the P & T Board, which was discussed at the last meeting, be placed on hold and revisited if necessary after the 5 year strategic plan is drafted. McWethy will organize the goals offered by all Board members and will have a draft ready for discussion at the May meeting. Once the goals have been finalized, specific strategies for achieving the goals will be discussed, prioritized, and timed.

Chair Baasen thanked Borg Babcock for the excellent job done with the maple syrup project, and the board echoed his appreciation for the successful turnout. Borg Babcock stated she was pleased with the participation and results, and a few lessons learned will be implemented next year. She also mentioned that bare root tree planting is delayed due to availability of tree stock, will not be done on Arbor Day but will be done at a later date. Chair Baasen stated that Peter Hitch is an excellent resource contact for the platform tennis project, and that there is a possibility that a funding grant might be available through the National Platform Tennis Association.

Evans motioned adjournment, Cunningham seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31:26pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim McWethy

5-Year Strategic Plan Discussion

Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting May 20, 2015

Objectives for May 20 meeting:

1. Review and modify, if desired, overall strategic plan goals drafted at April meeting
2. Review and modify, if desired, projects/strategies already on 5-year schedule
3. Add new projects/strategies for achieving desired 5-year goals

Please be prepared to present your ideas and discuss the above topics.

To help prepare, attached are a draft of overall goals from the April meeting, and a list of projects/strategies that are already scheduled (at least temporarily) for the next 5 years 2015 through 2019. This listing includes all projects that appear to affect, in some way, our city parks and trails, no matter what the source of funding is.

Looking ahead, at the June meeting we will review, add, delete, and modify projects/strategies on list for achieving 5-year goals, and finally in July will prioritize, schedule, and finalize 2015 P & T 5-Year Strategic Plan.

At later P & T meetings we can:

- a. Discuss P & T Vision Statement if desired, and
- b. Assign or reassign breakdown of Board member responsibilities, if desired, to reflect strategic plan goals

PARKS & TRAILS PRELIMINARY 5-YEAR GOALS DRAFT

GOAL	COMMENTS	
EXPAND PARKS ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT	* every park * every season *every age group	* leverage partnerships
P & T ACCESS AND CONNECTIONS	* connecting Dakota, Luce Line, and Minnetonka Trails *connecting neighborhoods to parks *connecting downtown to parks *wayfinding signage *parking *leveraging Lake Effect and other partnerships	* safe * easy * walkers and bikers
COMMUNICATIONS	Marketing and Publicity *promote new users - new activities - new events Partnerships and open communication channels with: * City Council * other city Boards * Three Rivers	* web * maps * partnerships * Lake Effect * LMCD * other communities
FINANCE	* Need source of sustained funds *Leverage partnerships	
MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADING OF EXISTING PARKS, TRAILS	* Manpower * Volunteer Team Recruitment *Leverage Partnerships for funds, grants, projects	

PROJECTS/STRATEGIES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

GOAL 1: EXPAND PARKS ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2015 Klapprich dog park /shade
Bocce Ball locations
Lakefront ice skating
Space for food vendor in beach house
- 2016 Shaver Park/Marina all season building w/fireplace
- 2017 Paddle Tennis court

GOAL 2: PARKS & TRAILS ACCESS AND CONNECTIONS

- 2015 Eastman Lane sidewalk/trail improvements

GOAL 3: COMMUNICATIONS

- 2015 Wayfinding signs—Phase 2
Wayfinding signs—Phase 3
Parks Brochure—printing for 2015
- 2016 Initiate parks programs through web site
Update Parks & Trails brochure
Wayfinding signs—Phase 4
Dakota and Luce Line Trails—directional signage between trails along path

GOAL 4: FINANCE

None

GOAL 5: MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADING OF EXISTING PARKS, TRAILS

- 2015 Harmony Circle fence maintenance
Hollybrook—landscaping/tree partnership
Replace Klapprich Park hockey boards
EAB tree work
Prairie landscape maintenance

Adirondack chairs at Depot, Bell Courts, and Klapprich
Adirondack chairs at beach
Bench seating at Margaret Circle
Bare root tree plantings (100)
Beach pedestrian bridge rework
Dredge marina
Marina maintenance
Transient boat slips
Lakefront Lake Effect improvements
Depot area bathroom improvements
Beach drinking fountain
Beach H-dock

- 2016 Resurface Bell Courts
 EAB tree work
 Prairie landscape maintenance
 Post Office Park boardwalk rework
 Depot dock maintenance
 Depot channel dredging
 Marina maintenance
- 2017 Shaver Park outdoor exercise equipment
 EAB tree work
 Prairie landscape maintenance
 Bare root tree plantings (100)
 Marina maintenance
 Paddle Tennis court at Shaver Park
- 2018 Resurface Middle School tennis courts
 EAB tree work
 Tree management
 Nature Center grand plan formulation
 Marina maintenance
- 2019 Reconstruct Middle School tennis courts
 EAB tree work
 Tree management
 Marina maintenance



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May 8, 2015

Tiffani Navarati
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Dear Tiffani et al,

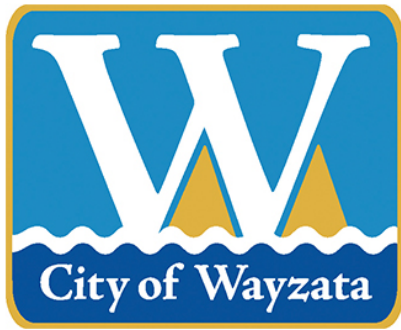
On Thursday April 30, 2015 we met at the cottonwood tree on Circle A Drive in Wayzata, MN to assess the viability of creating a child sized tunnel through the tree stump. I first did an exploratory cut from one side taking out a rectangular section which revealed rotten wood at about 10 inches in to the stump. So I made a larger cut to get a better look inside which revealed a massive open area surrounded by rotten wood inside the trunk of the tree. There were big cracks and rotten holes going out the top of the stump that would not allow for a tunnel to be made. In my opinion the trunk would not hold a tunnel safely. So I would not recommend creating a tunnel out of this trunk.

If you are interested in alternatives I could recommend the following. I will preface this with the fact that I have an art degree . I have designed and rendered many different styles of sculpture from pure abstract to human figures. So there is more potential here than just wildlife I assure you. A bench could be made out of the viable piece/s of the trunk that were harvested. A couple variations include a trunk laid horizontal on the ground with a seat and back cut in to it. This could be carved with embellishments to suit your taste. The log/s could be milled to slab wood and slab wood style benches created with or with out carved embellishments. Of course there are a million and one sculptures that could be made. For example a giant contemporary looking head laying on its side like a sleeping giant. It could be taken farther by growing plants as hair or moss as hair. This would be a green sculpture that would eventually become compost. There is a great potential with this project and if I can help guide you in a direction please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Ingvaldstad

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Trails Board

FROM: Kristin Classey, Communications Specialist

DATE: May 11, 2015

RE: City Photo Contest

The city is planning to move forward with a photo contest in the summer and also potentially one in the winter to allow for a seasonal capture of images. These contests will afford us the opportunity to incorporate fresh images and content into the new city website design by showcasing photographs of potential photo contest winners. Photos will also be incorporated in city print and electronic communication publications.

We plan to ask members of the Communications Board to participate as judges for photos of general interest. We would also like members of the Parks and Trails Board to participate as judges for photos that highlight nature and Wayzata's Parks and Trails. Commitment for judging might include a meeting with judges to rate the submissions or sending in information after reviewing submissions at home.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge, please contact Kristin Classey at kclassey@wayzata.org or 952-404-5314.