



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024

Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

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

Staff: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Deputy City Manager Aurora Yager, and Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

Additional Attendees: Appointed Parks and Trails Board Member Christian Erard, Eric Hartman and Jeff Simpson from Tonka Boat Rentals, and Ryan Lloyd and Ryan Jaeger from Duffy Boats.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chair Schalkle.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Yorro. Approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comments**
 - a. **Presentation by City Manager and Deputy City Manager:** Staff provided an update on city priorities and updates along with appreciation for the Board's hard work and commitment to the community. City Manager noted that the main priorities for the city are public safety improvements and diversification of revenue. These are outlined in the Strategic Plan which has the three strategic priorities listed as diversify revenue, achieve and sustain operational excellence, and sustain community character and safety.

Staff and the Council are pursuing other funding options besides just the tax levy. Examples are a sales tax, special event permit fees, paid parking, etc. The Board also discussed funding from park dedication fees from Planned Unit Developments. The main question focused on the option to receive park dedication fees from multi-family developments. Staff noted that park dedication fees can only be legally obtained if the project involves a subdivision.
 - b. **Presentation by Duffy Boats and Tonka Boat Rentals:** Duffy Boats started with providing background information on their company and summarized their proposal that was attached to the packet. Their ask is to have at least two boats slips they could

lease for their rental boats. Duffy Boats would also require electrical infrastructure which is currently not at the docks. To install the infrastructure, Duffy Boat would like an amortization on their lease amount for a portion of the price of the electrical infrastructure. In addition, dock boxes for storage, a check-in station, and an ice machine would be beneficial near the docks.

Tonka Boat Rental (TBR) then provided background information on their company and a summary of their proposal. TBR would also propose to lease two boat slips. Their boats do not need any electrical infrastructure and the boats can go faster than Duffy Boats allowing for water skiing, tubing, etc. They are also located in Excelsior and pay them around \$6,400 per slip. Their proposal includes a storage box and potentially signs to notify customers where to go.

The Parks and Trails Board discussed both proposals. The idea of a boat rental company is beneficial for the docks to allow more people to access the lake and provide additional revenue. Each of the companies provide a different experience on the lake, so it would make sense to allow both companies to operate at the docks. The Board noted that the price to lease the boat slips should be more than what Excelsior charges each company. An ice machine does not make sense at this time to include.

Motion to recommend both companies to the City Council by Randolph, seconded by Showalter. Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

- a. **Klapprich Park Update and Playground Design Review:** Staff provided an update of the Klapprich Park project noting that the 50% construction documents will be presented to the City Council at their January 21st workshop meeting. The Board will have a chance to also review these plans at the next Board meeting. The goal is to put the project out to bid in March, but the exact construction start date is still to be determined. Site work would take 8-12 weeks and the warming house construction would take 16-20 weeks.

The Board discussed the updated playground design provided by Midwest Playscapes which removed the play mounds, incorporated new swing options, added the rope climber to the hillside slide, and changed the colors slightly. Overall, the Board appreciated the updated design but discussed minor changes.

Motion to approve the playground design as shown with one change of swapping the tree climbing house for the songbird climbing structure by Schalkle, seconded by Randolph. Approved unanimously.

6. New Business

- a. **Sunday Music in the Park:** Staff provided a list of previous bands and bands that contacted the city to perform. The Board noted that Salsa Del Soul should be invited again this year due to their success in 2024. Board Members will review the list of

potential bands to determine who should be invited in 2025. Additional bands can also be contacted and added to the list for review.

- b. Discuss Reservation Systems:** Staff provided a summary of four options for a reservation system for park facilities. CivicPlus and RecTrac are utilized more by surrounding communities, but these are much more expensive. eSoft Planner and SportsPlus are more cost effective which could still fit the needs of Wayzata. The Board will review these options in more detail to discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Family Skate Day:** The Board discussed the option to hold a Family Skate Day again in 2025. A date was finalized to hold Family Skate Day on Sunday, January 19 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Staff will reserve speakers for music and work on promotion of the event. Cameron noted that he can try to find options for hot chocolate and small food items for the event.

7. Other Business

- a. Communications Recap:** Staff will promote Family Skate Day in the Portal and Weekly. Flyers could also be placed around the community.
- b. Staff Updates:** Wayzata Community Ed is working on their summer catalog now so staff will send out a survey for the Board Members to complete to provide feedback on summer class programming.
- c. Future Agenda Items:**
 - i. Wayzata Community Ed
 - ii. Family Skate Day
 - iii. Sunday Music in the Park
 - iv. Excelsior Sauna Update
 - v. Klapprich Park Update

8. Adjourn

- a.** Motion to adjourn by Schalkle, seconded by Showalter. Adjourned at 8:33 pm.