



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

Attendees: Chair Tory Schalke, Merrily Babcock, Sarah Randolph, Bianca Jensen and Blake Cameron.

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

- 1. Bell Courts Opening Celebration/ Tour:** The Parks and Trails Board held a tour of Bell Courts from 6:15 PM – 6:30 PM. Rain had delayed the final curing and painting of the courts. The Parks and Trails Board decided to delay the ribbon cutting a few weeks until the courts can be fully completed. From the tour the Board had the following comments:
 - The Board requested that four white Adirondack chairs from the beach park be relocated to the Bell Courts.
 - The bocce ball court requires regrading to remove the groove in bocce ball play area.
 - Hornet nest forming under bocce ball side rail will need to be removed.
- 2. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Chair Schalke.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Schalke, seconded by Blake. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** May minutes were amended to include the Parks and Trails Master Plan item. Schalke made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Cameron. Minutes approved unanimously.
- 5. Public Comments:** No public comments were provided.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - a. Klapprich Park Design Development:** Council had a workshop on June 18 to discuss excess reserves to see if some of those funds could go to the Parks and Trails. Council directed staff to allocated over \$800,000 to the Parks and Trails fund for the Klapprich Park improvement project.

There were two options presented to Council to complete the Klapprich Park project: Option 1: complete all the construction of the Klapprich Park design at once. Option 2: to complete the work in two phases to ensure there are the needed funds to complete the second phase of projects. Staff and Parks and Trails board recommended proceeding with the construction all at once to minimize disruption and avoid potential duplicative construction costs.

Since Council noted to move forward with all the proposed improvements in one phase, staff will bring forward the plan and agreements for approval to a future Council meeting in July.

- b. Bell Courts Opening Celebration:** The Board decided that the opening celebration event should be scheduled further out, so the project can be completed. The Board discussed reaching out to stakeholders to see if pickleball instructors can attend the opening celebration to provide pickleball lessons, explain decorum and/or provide a demo.

Other suggestions for the event included additional seating, refreshments, and perhaps a raffle. The proposed date of Monday, July 29th or Tuesday, July 30th was mentioned. The Board discussed the need to heavily promote the opening celebration. Some of the tactics included: posting on city social media pages, informing stakeholders to send to the pickleball community, signage at Bell courts and Panoway restroom sign. The contracted date of completion for the courts is July 15th, but staff is confident that the courts would be open before this date.

7. New Business.

- a. Parks and Trails Master Plan review:** The current Parks & Trails Master Plan is five years old and the Board discussed the need to update the Plan to reflect current priorities of the Parks and Trails Board and Council. The challenge the Board is faced with is the desire to complete multiple large projects with limited budget. The Board ideated various ways to generate consistent budget for the Parks & Trails Board. One of these ideas is to create a foundation similar to the Wayzata Conservancy that could advocate for and solicit donations for park projects. This idea will be researched further by the Board to be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. JJ Hills Days Participation:** The Board decided against having a booth at JJ Hill Days. It attracts many out-of-town guests and we want to focus on Wayzata residents. Board unanimously agreed to hand out our Wayzata Parks and Trails brochure at Night to Unite with candy attached. Other potential ideas for Night to Unite can be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Other Business

- a. Communications Recap:** Staff will start to promote the Bell Courts opening celebration in city media outlets.

b. Staff Updates:

- The Panoway Ribbon Cutting event is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th starting at 11:00 am.
- Sunday Music in the Park needs Board volunteers to announce bands. Board Member Babcock volunteered for one of the dates and Chair Schalke will take August 11th.
- Board Member Babcock suggested getting a shade covering/ tent for the bandshell at Sunday Music in the Park for rain and sun/heat.

c. Future Agenda Items:

- The Board discussed a need for a 10 MPH speed limit on Dakota trail.
- The Board should discuss whether any current members would also like to join the Wayzata Conservancy.
- The following items were noted as agenda items for the next Board meeting:
 - Sunday Music in the Park
 - Klapprich Park Update
 - Bell Courts Opening Celebration Event
 - Wayzata Foundation Discussion
 - Night to Unite Ideas
 - Potential CIP Discussion
 - Meet at Little Beach before the meeting

9. Adjourn: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17th. The Board will meet at the Little Beach at 6:00 PM.