



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2025
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

Attendees: Chair Tory Schalkle, Sarah Showalter, Sarah Randolph, Bianca Jensen, Blake Cameron, and Christian Erard.

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Schalkle.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Motion approved unanimously.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Showalter. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Public Comments:** No public comments were provided.
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a. Klapprich Park Update:** Staff updated the Board on Klapprich improvement timeline, with planned "substantially complete" deadline by Labor Day. Chair Schalkle requested staff publish both on-site posters and websites with clear communication for the public around (1) what's changing, (2) why it's changing, and (3) when it will be done. Staff noted that this will be completed.

Showalter asked how we could incorporate the zip line into the design since we had originally not included it based on direction of potential cost overrun, but the \$20k equipment cost would still keep us well under our current budget. Staff noted that would be difficult since Council already approved

the design - so adding the zipline would either require Council approval or a staff change order.

Chair Schalkle asked where old playground would go when demolished. Staff will check with Kids Around the World to determine if the equipment can be donated. Chair Schalkle said he would ask around to see if local organizations (e.g., local schools) may want to take it.

Staff noted that the Board needs to pick color for plastic playground material. Board picked a green they felt was most natural for hillside / green environment and would not fade. The Board also needed to align on wood stain color (for climbing structure, bird, etc.), but had no actual wood samples. Staff will request wood stain samples from vendor, Midwest Playscapes, and have it at City Hall to review between meetings.

b. Maple Tree Tapping: The Board said that Three Rivers' terms for maple tree tapping was unsatisfactory, since it negates the objective of Wayzata maple tree tapping - which is to tap it within the city, have someone facilitate cooking it down, and having residents collect what is cooked. The Board proposed staff approach Merrily Babcock to pursue an end-to-end approach where Babcock would receive financial compensation but would likely have to expect no / unreliable resident "cook-down" support.

c. Shaver Park and City Hall Park Master Plan Discussion:

Shaver Park: Board questions whether a volleyball site was worth it - noting that current site floods too easily so, if we were to move it, it would have to take other space and cost additional funds for unknown use. Board also agreed that a shade structure or gazebo somewhere in the west part of the Beach area or east Shaver would be beneficial

City Hall Park: Board agreed that change should include:

- Construct a sidewalk on the western side of Broadway through Park (connecting it where it currently breaks).
- Do not build / buy game cart, as the Master Plan proposes.
- Add ~2 more Adirondack chairs on grass portion .
- Potentially add another bench on south side of the grass square portion of City Hall Park.

6. New Business

- a. Spring Splash Review:** Showalter recapped Spring Splash event, which had scheduling change. Showalter noted that the event went well and continued participation should be considered in future years.
- 7. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Showalter. Motion passed unanimously.