

Parks and Trails Board Meeting
OCTOBER 28, 2015 City Hall Conference Rm.
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Dan Baasen, Sarah Randolph, Jim McWethy, Sarah Showalter, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans, and Merrily Borg Babcock

Staff: Director of Public Service Dave Dudinsky

Guests: Council Member Bridget Anderson, Mtka. Program Directors Tim Litfin and Coordinator Jenny Boclurka, Sailing School Representative Rob Hunt

ABSENT: Tyler Purdy

Approval of mtg. agenda by Borg Babcock, 2nd by Randolph
Approval of Sept. 16 mtg. Minutes-"as is" by McWethy, 2nd by Showalter

Agenda was slightly altered and proceeded as follows:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Review MUSIC PARK Alternatives after Maple Grove Field Trip
 - Discussion about Maple Grove set-up w/6 instruments at \$25,000. M.G. Rotary paid \$50,000. for the plaza area, city paid \$22,000.+ \$5,000 (part in escrow account) for musical instruments. Price increase today.
 - Tested instrument for location possibilities-no noise pollution
 - Questions:
 - o Should idea first be presented during JJHill, 2016 for public input and reaction?
 - o Are there other higher priorities such as splash fountain?
 - o Some members were apprehensive because of cost vs. other pending projects schedule.
 - o Could this be wrapped into a public art grant because of the design qualities? Jack Becker from Forecast was suggested.

Jim McWethy and Tyler Purdy will champion this music in the park idea.

2) Reviewed PROGRAMMING possibilities w/Minnetonka Community Education Chair Tim Litfin and Jenny Bodurka, Program Coordinator presenting

- City Council has approved \$20,000 for operating expenses for Parks and Trails to test summer or other seasonal programs to see if community has an interest.
- Classes could be formatted to meet our goals and teaching staff could be provided by Minnetonka.
- Minnetonka would add Wayzata activities to their catalogue.
- Marketing would be crucial for success.
- We would advertise on our web site with a drop down tab in P&T area

- Ideas presented: Tennis, Dock and Ice Fishing, Field and Beach Activities, Outdoor Arts and Crafts. Others activities suggested were Bocce Ball (court will be available spring of 2016), and Pickle ball
- Board will design curriculum at a morning (7:30-9 a.m.) workshop before next Board meeting on Nov. 18th.

ACTION ITEM: Litfin, Bodurka and Dudinsky will scout areas for activity sites prior to a workshop to discuss additional programming ideas. Litfin will send Dudinsky most popular class ideas from Minnetonka past programs.

ACTION ITEM: Dudinsky will send out 5 dates for workshop possibilities.

3) Review GRANT APPLICATION/S

The City Council approved at their Oct. 20th meeting two (2) grant applications to be submitted (deadline, Nov. 2) to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Association to consider partial funding for a sailing vessel for the Wayzata Community Sailing School and hockey equipment for Wayzata Youth Hockey Association to be used at Klapprich Field and Wayzata Beach Park.

The grant for partially funding a 22 ft. teaching boat (J22) for the Sailing School would be used by IOCP and YMCA participants and was not part of park system handled by the Parks and Trails Board but a privately held operation serving the public. We thanked Rob Hunt for attending the meeting reaffirming the Sailing Schools portion of the grant application which would be submitted in partnership with the City and was separate from the hockey equipment.

Many appreciated Council Member Mullin's support of the Parks and Trails but after a great deal of discussion the decision was made to NOT move forward with the fall grant deadline, an application for the youth hockey equipment.

The Board felt:

- They had insufficient information and time to analyze the proposal.
- Hockey had become so popular at Klapprich Field that many families with young skaters had become apprehensive about using this park. Adding more equipment would exacerbate the issue.
- When considering the lake skating venue, this area would be used for open skating and possible broomball games sponsor by local businesses.
- Board was uncomfortable with the Wayzata Youth Hockey mention in the Grant and what the Association's role would be once the equipment arrived.
- The suggestion was made that the Youth Hockey consider attending a P & T Board meeting to flesh out logistics we could consider.
- The idea of applying for a grant for new playground equipment at Klapprich East, originally scheduled for CIP funding in 2021 was discussed, as per suggestion from Council Member Mullin. If this fits the criteria a spring grant submission with the Hennepin County Youth Sports application would be considered.

Vote to deny grant proposal was unanimous.

Board members were to review other future granting possibilities.

ACTION ITEM: Kettle fire pit west of beach on peninsula, discussed at an earlier meeting would need to be addressed along with lighting lake for evening activities.

ACTION ITEM: It was requested that all Board members photograph other park activities for new challenging and interesting for park upgrades.

NEW BUSINESS

4) POST OFFICE POCKET PARK 20th Anniversary

In 1996 the Dayton Family donated this area to the City of Wayzata commissioning internationally recognized Siah Armejani to design this park for the citizens of Wayzata. The Board made the decision to celebrate the anniversary of this park in some way in the summer of 2016.

Vote to plan some event was unanimously approved by the Board.

5) Other park and trail business discussed:

- Bocce Ball courts and a possible concern with the court proposed site on the hill between the city hall Community Room and the garden overlooking Wayzata Business District. Court at east end of Bell Courts will be ready by next spring.
- The Beach House retrofitted for a Concession; due to open next spring will be insulated to prevent water damage to the interior equipment.
- Vandalism has occurred on the cedar Adirondack chairs at the beach in the form of carving on the armrests. It was discussed to:
 - o Install security cameras
 - o Secure chairs to a designate area
 - o Stop purchasing the wood chairs and just purchase the white plastic variety
 - o Repair the damaged chairs yearly

No vote was taken on how to proceed. Continue to future meeting.

- All park and trail ideas generated this year by public and board is now listed on Google Docs provided by McWethy and Purdy
- Vision Statement needs some work. Updates and/or revision need to be submitted to Baasen on or before November 10th.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

Motion was made by Cunningham to adjourn meeting, seconded by Showalter

Respectfully submitted by: Merrily Borg Babcock