



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2025
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

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

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Schalkle.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Chair Schalkle with an addition of a Little Beach Discussion, seconded by Showalter. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Randolph. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comments:** No public comments were received.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **City Hall Park Discussion:** The Board reviewed a concept plan to convert the east side of the library into a park area, connecting the Children's Garden with the plaza on the south end. Discussion included concerns about bees and the potential maintenance issues created by fruit trees. A question was raised about whether a path is needed to the library's emergency exit door.

Two preliminary cost estimates were reviewed—\$52,000 and \$35,000—intended for budgeting in the future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The

Board discussed exploring possible funding partnerships with Hennepin County and private organizations.

Motion by Schalkle to incorporate the updated project scope into the CIP based on the estimates received; seconded by Showalter. Motion approved unanimously.

- b. Klapprich Park Update:** Staff provided an update on the Klapprich Park improvement project. Playground equipment is expected to arrive October 8, with footings for the equipment installed this week. Three spaded trees were planted on the hillside, with one remaining. Several large balled and burlapped trees will also be planted on this hillside. The field and irrigation system are complete, and the retaining wall has been installed and painted.

The Board discussed the visual appearance of the artificial turf beneath the slide. Staff noted the warming house renovation required additional coordination for fire suppression, which was not initially included in the design phase.

During excavation, water was discovered around the existing footings, and engineering modifications were made to build a full foundation wall. The site improvements are still tracking for substantial completion in late fall while the warming house has a substantial completion date of early December. Parking lot paving and the warming house patio will occur after the playground installation due to crane access needs.

Chair Schalkle noted that the Wayzata Lions Club will donate \$10,000 to support the park project.

- c. Sunday Music in the Park Concerts Review:** The Board reviewed the concert series, noting that Westwind Swing Band was well received, while Jimmy and the Band of Souls and Potluck String Band received mixed feedback. The sound production company was commended for their professionalism.

Salsa del Sol expressed interest in performing next year after their cancellation due to weather. Lunds donated bottled water for attendees. The Board discussed adding a submission form on the City website for bands interested in performing.

- d. Summer Community Ed Review:** Community Education staff provided a summary of summer programming. With Klapprich Park closed, fewer classes were offered, though some took place in Shaver Park.

Community Ed proposed a new three-year agreement maintaining current costs while expanding programming to year-round offerings. The Board discussed improving coordination and communication of seasonal offerings. The proposal will go to City Council for approval next week.

- e. Little Beach Review:** The Board discussed maintenance concerns, noting heavy weed growth throughout the summer. A suggestion was made to organize a youth volunteer program to assist with beach cleanup opportunities.

The dock length was also discussed, and staff will review feasibility and potential costs for extension.

6. New Business

7. Other Business

- a. Communications Recap:** Staff will continue to update the Klapprich Park webpage with construction updates.
- b. Staff Updates:** Staff reported that Interim City Manager Kelly continues to serve as Interim City Manager. Deputy City Manager will return from leave in early October. Council will determine how the City Manager transition will occur at their upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Parkhill will be stepping down from Council, and replacement candidates will be interviewed prior to the next Council meeting.

c. Future Agenda Items

The Board noted the following items to be placed on the next Board meeting agenda:

- Community Education Update
- City Hall Park

- Klapprich Park Update

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Schalkle, seconded by Schultz. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM.