



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

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

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, seconded by Cameron. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Chair Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comments:** No public comments were received.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Klapprich Park Update:** City Council approved change orders for additional hillside landscaping at Klapprich Park along with a change order for a new hillside slide entrance configuration based on neighborhood feedback. The main concerns from the neighbors was in regards to the aesthetics of the previous hillside slide entrance. Midwest Playscapes has contacted the playground manufacturer to determine if the new slide entrance can be installed this year or if it will need to be installed next spring.

The Board discussed allowing access to portions of the park that are complete. Staff noted that the playground and park will remain closed until the construction activity is complete for safety reasons. Substantial completion of the warming house is on track for mid-December.

The Board also discussed the proposed statue for Klapprich Park. Local residents have put forth an idea to construct a statue out of pocket, led by Tom Shaver. Updates will be sent to the Board as they come available.

- b. **Wayzata Community Ed Summer Classes Review:** Staff noted that feedback for the proposed summer Wayzata Community Ed classes is being requested by December 15th in order for the catalog to be finalized. Reference was made to

the previous year's catalog. The Board will review the catalog in more detail and provide feedback to staff via email if desired. A suggestion was made to inquire whether Wayzata Sailing could support a fishing camp.

Tonka Boat Rental (TBR) was also discussed. Staff noted that the feedback was positive for the boat rental company and TBR has presented a proposal for a longer term and additional boats (3-4 total) with overnight parking. Revenue generated from the rental boats was \$8,500 per slip that went into the Parks and Trails CIP.

The Board discussed skating lessons and opportunities to engage Wayzata High School volunteers. For these volunteers, waivers would be needed and an adult would need to be on site during the lessons. An alternative is for local residents to teach for \$20/hour. Outreach to Plymouth Ice Center, Minnetonka, and Delano was suggested as additional research.

6. New Business

- a. **Klapprich Park Winter Ribbon-Cutting Event:** Optimal timing of this event was discussed as mid-January due to the warming house to be substantially complete in mid-December, likelihood of ice, and the date of last year's family skate day event. The Board decided on January 10 at 1:00 pm. Staff will reach out to the Muni to provide hot chocolate. Lunds & Byerlys could be an option to provide snacks such as donut holes. Music can be provided by the Board. Staff will start to promote this event with this date and time.

7. Other business

- a. **Communications Recap:** Information about the warming house ribbon-cutting event will be included in the Portal and Wayzata Weekly.
- b. **Staff Updates:** Former Board Member Babcock noted that she is willing to hold a Maple Tree Tapping program in 2026. Staff will put the agreement on a Council meeting in January.

The additional hockey stick holder is on the Parks Department to do list for this winter.

Interviews for the two Parks and Trails Board seats are scheduled for the first Council workshop meeting in December.

The Board discussed the proposed updates to the Parks and Trails Master Plan. Staff will determine if a Council workshop can be scheduled to discuss updates to the Master Plan.

- c. **Future Agenda Items:**
 - i. Klapprich Update
 - ii. Ribbon-Cutting Event
 - iii. Community Ed Final Review
 - iv. New Board Member Update

8. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next meeting – December 17.