



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Wayzata City Hall - Community Room

Attendees: Chair Tory Schalkle, Vice Chair Christian Erard, Blake Cameron, Sarah Randolph

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chair Schalkle.
- 2. Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as is made by Tory Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Approved 4-0
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve agenda as is made by Tory Schalkle, seconded by Cameron. Approved 4-0
- 4. Public Comments**
 - a.** Erik Bloom from Bjorn Cycling joined to propose bike repair instruction classes and/or bike repair services in Wayzata, which could take a variety of different structures. After discussion, the Board proposed staff go back to Bjorn Cycling to discuss having a one-time bike spring tune-up event at Klapprich Park which would be \$0-\$5 for Wayzata residents (they have to show driver's license) and \$25 for non-residents, as well as an ongoing tent access at Shaver Park (by the Regional Trail entrance) on Saturdays and/or Sundays (with a yet-to-be-determined time and month duration) for repairs. Bjorn would pay the city for this access, and the city would not provide storage
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Klapprich Park Update**

- i. Park opening: The warming house should be open this Friday, December 19. The construction team is putting in access controls (e.g., fob system) and removing the restricted access tap.
- ii. Architectural payment for not including fire suppression system at the warming house: The city is still in legal disputes with the architectural firm.
- iii. Baseball backstop: The board agreed that any baseball backstop needs to be collapsible and put away when not in use. Of options shown by staff, Board strongly preferred BSN. The Board felt the Bownet example was too small / amateur and AAA State of Play was too big.
- iv. Benches: The board strongly supported backed teak benches by playground (any place where the person sitting on the bench is looking at something, but their back is not to anything they'd watch) and backless teak benches near pavilion doors.
- v. Slide: The slide cannot be open to the public until the construction company adds footings to the slide entrance. This was delayed because Council voted to change the entrance to remove the roof based on neighbor concerns, which has now delayed the opening of the slide from Fall until Spring. There is currently plywood blocking the entrance, but Board asked staff to add simple, laminated signage informing the public to not use because it is unsafe (no footings installed) but will be open in Spring.
- vi. Klapprich Warming House celebration / open house / ribbon cutting: Board discussed what event should look like to help "open up" Klapprich warming house. The Board agreed on food/drinks (staff will request hot chocolate from Muni & food/snacks from Lunds), music (Erard will provide playlist and Showalter will provide speakers), and free youth rental skates. Chair Schalkle mentioned it would be good to get an additional hockey stick holder (like the one already there that Public Works staff made) to prevent the precarious line up of hockey sticks at the entrance; staff said he would relay to Public Works and/or ask Plymouth Ice Center (PIC) if they have extras we could ever have.

At least one Board Member should be there to greet people, monitor use, clean up, etc. The Board debated what tone the event should have – more formal ribbon cutting vs. informal open house. The Board agreed that few if any community members would care about any formalities (speeches, ribbon cutting, etc.) and thus an informal gathering likely made more sense, but the Board should ask Mayor what he would prefer. Either way, Chair Schalkle will invite Council and Wayzata.com, and Staff will inform Sun Sailor and post the event on social media.

- vii. Klapprich Park opening: Wayzata Community Education proposed holding an opening ceremony event at Klapprich in the spring for the new park. The Board liked the idea of both holding a more celebratory event and partnering with Wayzata Community Education (especially for the cost savings), but Parks & Trails was already planning a spring celebration, so the Board said staff should work together with Community Ed to have one cohesive event that would be more toned down than what Community Education proposed.
- viii. Additional Funding: The City still has not received the donation from Wayzata Lions that Chair Schalkle had worked with them to get. Schalkle will reach out to Lions. Chair Schalkle also brought up the name of a potential large donor who is a supporter of Klapprich Park (especially hockey/skating) and whose products are already being used in the Park. Chair Schalkle proposed bringing up this idea of a potential donation with the Mayor/Staff, namely for the warming house naming rights for \$100,000.
- ix. Klapprich plaque: The Board discussed whether we should have a plaque articulating the history of Klapprich Park, namely highlighting the work Mr. Klapprich did to create it. There was broad support for this, but acknowledgement that there is already work by some private citizens to fund and create a statute for Paul Klapprich in the park, which is being routed through the Public Arts Committee. It was acknowledged that if the statue is not going to happen, then the signage (which would require Council approval) would be a good alternative.

6. Staff Update

- a.** Tree tapping: The draft agreement with former Board Member Babcock will be on the January 6 City Council meeting. The city will send a sign-up form out to those potentially interested. When Babcock gives the “go ahead” (i.e. when sap starts flowing), the city will email those on the list informing them to sign up via city website, which will close when it reaches the limit.

- b.** New members: Staff informed Board about the two new Board Members joining the Board in 2026. Chair Schalkle is going to reach out to offer overview about Board structure, purview, etc.

7. Next Meeting

- a.** Items for Next Meeting:
 - i. General Klapprich update – especially litigation, sponsorship, donations, etc.
 - ii. Overall park signage – how do we have a cohesive visual guide
 - iii. Master Plan – in preparation for Council workshop, have Board align on what initial Master Plan projects are left to do (when, where, what would be done, how much it costs), what should be added, and potentially a summer survey to residents to flag anything missing

8. Adjournment

- a.** Chair Schalkle proposed to adjourn around 7:30, seconded by Sarah Randolph. Approved 4-0