



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026
Wayzata City Hall - Conference 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.

The Board introduced themselves as new members have joined the Board.

- 2. Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as is made by Schalkle, seconded by Erard.
Approved 6-0
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve agenda as is made by Schalkle, seconded by Erard.
Approved 6-0

- 4. Public Comments**

- 5. Old Business**

- a. Bjorn Cycling Proposal**

The Board reviewed and discussed the updated proposal submitted by Bjorn Cycling. The Board confirmed that the proposed location is the most appropriate along the trail, as it is removed from the more heavily used areas. The primary concern raised was potential parking congestion, as the site has limited parking capacity that is heavily utilized during the summer months. The Board noted this as an issue to monitor and discussed that, if necessary, a parking stall could be reserved for Bjorn Cycling.

The Board also noted that, per the proposal, the City would receive 10 percent of the revenue generated from repairs. While this revenue is not anticipated to be significant, it would be allocated to the Parks and Trails budget.

The Board voted to recommend approval of the proposal as presented. Motion by Schalkle, seconded by Yorro. Approved 6–0.

b. Klapprich Park Update

Staff provided a general update on the Klapprich Park construction. Staff noted that maintenance concerns had been identified with the tower slide, including a crack that will need to be addressed. The Board discussed the need to assess the long hillside slide during the summer months to ensure safety.

The Board discussed placing QR codes in the warming house during the winter to collect feedback, with additional QR codes to be placed near the playground during the summer season. The Board also discussed the potential need for security cameras in and around the warming house and playground area.

The Board discussed the possibility of installing public art on the blank wall inside the warming house. The Board recommended coordinating with the Public Art Committee and the Heritage Preservation Board to explore a partnership, potentially through a joint committee, to install a mural or other form of public art. Staff will bring this concept forward at upcoming committee meetings for preliminary review and discussion.

c. Klapprich Park Opening Celebration

The Board discussed the upcoming Warming House Opening Celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 17, at 1:00 PM. Staff noted that snacks and a speaker for the warming house are already arranged. Showalter will provide a speaker for music, and Erard will prepare a playlist. Hot chocolate will be available for pickup at the Muni at 12:15 PM. The Mayor will provide brief remarks at 1:00 PM.

6. New Business

a. Sunday Music in the Park Artist Review

Staff reported that the Great Lawn has been reserved for the concert series and that the audio production company has been contacted to reserve the same dates. Staff has compiled a list of bands that have previously participated in the series, along with additional bands that have expressed interest. This list will be distributed to the Board for review and discussion at the February meeting.

b. Parks and Trails Master Plan Discussion

Chair Schalkle and staff presented a list of projects included in the Parks and Trails Master Plan, along with a comparison to projects currently included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Board reviewed and discussed these lists to determine which projects should be prioritized for implementation, incorporated into the CIP, or potentially removed. The Board made the following recommendations:

- Further assess Heritage Park to determine whether additional seating and tables are needed.
- Determine costs for updating park signage and incorporate those costs into the CIP.
 - Collect examples of park signage for Board review.
- Revise the Beach concession building project to reflect reconstruction rather than an update.
- Determine whether new lighting is necessary for the Broadway stairs.
- Retain the proposed Shaver Park and Beach improvements, with a greater focus on beach improvements due to limited need for changes at Shaver Park.
- Evaluate whether the dock at Little Beach could be extended further into the lake.
- Retain Eastman Lane improvements in the plan, but note that they are a lower priority compared to improvements at Little Beach and Arlington Circle South.
 - Consider adding an additional bench at Little Beach.
- Retain tennis court maintenance items in the CIP, with the understanding that they may be deferred to a later year.
- Retain the community garden item, with plans to reevaluate at a later date.

- Conduct a site visit to Locust Hills during the summer to evaluate needed improvements.
- Update the project list formatting as follows: green for completed projects, red for remaining projects, and a blue dash for projects to be removed.

Board members were encouraged to bring forward any additional project ideas not currently included in the Master Plan or CIP for discussion and prioritization at the February meeting.

7. Staff Update

a. Maple Tree Tapping

Staff reported that City Council approved the Maple Tree Tapping agreement. Staff has created a registration form and has been coordinating with former Board Member Babcock to implement the program.

b. Election of Officers

The Board discussed nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Staff also established a rotating schedule for Board members to take meeting minutes, fulfilling the Secretary role.

Cameron moved to appoint Erard as Chair, seconded by Schalkle. Approved 6-0.

Cameron moved to appoint Schalkle as Vice Chair, seconded by Erard. Approved 6-0.

8. Next Meeting

a. Items for Next Meeting:

- i. Klapprich Opening Celebration Review
- ii. Community Ed Spring Klapprich Opening Discussion
- iii. Sunday Music in the Park Review
- iv. Master Plan Discussion
- v. Klapprich Park Update

9. Adjournment

- a.** Chair Schalkle proposed to adjourn around 8:15 pm, seconded by Erard.
Approved 6-0
- b.** The Board discussed and confirmed rescheduling the February meeting to Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 PM.