

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Board Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall

Present: Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Joanie Cunningham, Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, Tyler Purdy, and Sarah Showalter. Also present was resident Paul Penningroth. Absent: Holly Evans and David Dudinsky from City.

Minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously by motion of Borg Babcock and second by Randolph.

Agenda was approved by motion of Purdy and second of Showalter.

Old Business:

- a. **Summer Programming** – Enrollment, as of 5/10/2016, stood at 162 - six classes have reached capacity. Group discussed being pleased with the results, but that enrollment could be higher. Randolph expressed trouble accessing Wayzata programming through the Minnetonka website, other added that it was easier to find the Wayzata courses when you followed the link from the City of Wayzata homepage. Borg-Babcock stated that recent mailers have classes mis-categorized and omitted others. The board discussed reviewing how the program was successful and what needs to be reworked in the future. Board will ask Dudinsky to set a meeting with Jenny Bodurka, of Minnetonka Community Education, in the next week or so to discuss enrollment and what else can be done to make the programming successful.
- b. **Update on Park Signage** – Mike Kelly, City of Wayzata's City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works, is installing signage at three city parks; the Big Woods, Klapprich and the Beach. The Parks and Trails board will get to review planned signage prior to finalization.
- c. **Update on 2016 Approved CIP Projects** – With Dudinsky absent, no formal update. Discussions included:
 - Bell Courts resurfacing has not been completed
 - New Adirondack chairs have been ordered and are in place; 9 white chairs and 5 colored chairs.
 - First bocce court is being built (in process) immediately east of the Bell Courts. Second court is marked, but construction has not started.
 - Fire pit has been relocated to the depot
 - Planned bare root trees for park beautification are being allocated for ash tree replacement.
- d. **Depot Facility Update** – Randolph has researched several temporary option for new bathroom facilities at the Depot. She will further research a few and report back in June with ideas and cost estimates

- e. **Platform Tennis Update** - Baasen and McWethy met with resident, Peter Hitch, to discuss options and cost estimates. Hitch advised that two courts with court heating and a warming hut would cost approximately \$150,000. The CIP currently has \$58,350 allocated to the courts in 2017. A \$10,000 grant may be available from the American Platform Association, further, Hitch thought private donations were a viable option to support the construction. Hitch estimates operating and maintenance of two courts to be approximately \$8,000, of which, approximately \$5,000 is gas for snow/ice melt systems (based on conversations with the City of Deephaven that has two heated courts). Hitch also informed that Deephaven recently held a tournament that drew 56 teams at \$100/team. A similar tournament in Wayzata could help cover the O&M expenses.

f. **Events Funding**

- Boat Parade Planning Process – Baasen met with Adrienne Morrison, head of Daughters of the Revolution, who organizes the annual Flying Pancake Breakfast on the 4th of July. She likes the idea of the boat parade, but was unable to share her bond and has limited capacity to provide staffing/resources. Board agreed on the idea and revisiting boat parade for 2017.

New Business:

- a. Penningroth presented to the board about possible upgrades/improvements to the Little Beach. He suggested that by adding a small, accessible dock would provide access to the lake to people who otherwise wouldn't use the lake. Baasen noted seeing a group of residents gathering at the waterfront with chairs and walkers to enjoy and evening by the lake. Borg Babcock also added that residents of the East side of town would benefit from having access to the lake at the Little Beach. Baasen is going to investigate costs adding a small dock.
- b. Board also discussed other ideas for consideration for the 2017 CIP, each of which was assigned a lead to provide additional information at June meeting. CIP ideas include (in no particular order):
1. Community Programs in the Parks
 2. Paddle Tennis Courts (2)) with snow/ice melt system and warming hut
 3. Dock and Benches at the Little Beach
 4. Bike Repair Stations (3)
 5. Restrooms (temporary) at the Depot Park
 6. Klapprich Playground Equipment Upgrade: : ADA compliant, handicap useable with musical instruments
 7. Park Event Budget
 8. Designate area at 380 Broadway & 821 Wayzata Blvd. wildlife and bird sanctuary

Other Business:

- a. Baasen and Dudinsky recently had breakfast with Elli Ansari and Robert Foster of the Wayzata Community Sailing Center. Ansari and Foster expressed an interest in expanding relationship with the city and the Parks and Trails board for future collaboration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 moved by Borg Babcock and seconded by Cunningham.