

**Park and Trails Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall.

Present: Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock as Vice-Chair, Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, Tyler Purdy, Joanie Cunningham, and Mary Bader. Mike Kelly sat in for David Dudinsky from the city.

Minutes from the June meeting motioned to approved by Bader and second by McWethy

Agenda – Suggestion to move JJ Hill Days up to the first point of discussion. Randolph would like to add the topic of a possible Magnolia tree to be donated to the city. BABCOCK would like to add discussion about adding new plants to the POPP (Post Office Park) under other business.

Discussion of the strategic plan and consultant the council is hiring. Baasen and council member Tyack thought it might be a good idea for the board to meet with Jeff Dahl and discuss our long term goals. The board is hoping to work together with Dahl to get this master plan devised and moving in the right direction. Thought is that with JJ Hill days coming up, and that being our pulse, we could gather more information of what the people of the city would like to see in and from our parks. Another idea of Bader's is to possibly send out a survey to the residents through the portal to get input as well. Showalter suggested that we may need to add a meeting each month or multiple workshops to make that happen. Consensus feeling is that we are up for the work ahead but need realistic expectations as to when and how and timing.

New Business

- A. JJ Hill - need to figure out how we are going to work it this year. Need at least 2 people working the tent at a time. Shifts are 2 hours and we're hoping each member can take 2 shifts. JJ Hill Days is Sept 9-10. Thoughts in what we'd like in the tent. We'd like some promotional material that encourages people to sign up for the newsletter. Hoping to get a model of a small paddle tennis pavilion to increase awareness. It would be nice to have a little more information as to proposed sites. Advertise summer programming. We'd like to have some Bocce equipment and the rules to hand out. Do we have some maple syrup equipment we could have on site?

Old Business

- B. Communications Report. We now have 58 people signed up for the newsletter. Thoughts of asking the people who read the newsletter to submit photos of people using the parks. We'd like to use them in some of our promotional material. Hoping to get the next newsletter out before Aug 6. Music in the park. Mary is also going to let people know that Bocce will continue to play even though 'classes' are over.

- C. Sunday Concert Series Update. Below Zero, McPhail Jazz band played 3 weeks ago and it was great. There were about 60 people there. Lots of diversity, families, picnics, kids on the playground. It was a great success! This Sunday, Aug 6 is the third concert, a Bluegrass Band. Ty is going to announce the band and close it down at the end as well as let people know about the final concert the following Sunday, Aug. 13.
- D. Paddle Tennis Site Survey Discussion. Council asked the Paddle Tennis steering committee to present them with a preliminary survey of possible sites for the paddle tennis courts along with their recommendations and reasons for such. Different locations were researched and surveyed and the steering committee put together an analysis of their findings. Goal for tonight is to come up with park board recommendation as to where they think the courts should go. The steering committee's most desirable location is Klapprich's wooded ridge north of the hockey rink and the pump house. McWethy mentioned they are having a court building engineer come into to consult and give his opinion as to feasibility and cost at some different locations. The boards' consensus is somewhere within Klapprich park.
- E. Master List of Wayzata Park & Trails Project Proposals Not On Strategic Plan. We don't need to discuss items that are already on the strategic plan from past years, but do we have anything else we'd like to add. One big option discussion is signage for our parks. Do we want something that just gives just the name of the park or a sign that has the history of the park and or the rules of the park?? There was a suggestion of taking pictures of different park signs when board members are out and about. There is a task force of Bader, Randolph, and Babcock to work on ideas for the signs. Motion to move the Master list of Wayzata Parks & Trials Project Proposals Not on Strategic Plan to next month. Moved Showalter seconded Babcock.

Other Business

Randolph brought to the attention of the board the Wayzata Resident would like to donate a tree from their existing property they are moving from. The tree is a Magnolia tree and was a gift in honor of their son. The board agreed that it made sense to look into possible locations. Randolph is going to speak with Kurt Klapprich to see about feasibility.

POPP Babcock is proposing that more flowers are added to the POPP that bloom in the fall to round out the colors throughout the year. Baasen suggested we submit the proposal for new plants to Dave. Purdy motioned to submit it to Dave and Bader seconded.

Babcock asked to have some additional signage added around town.

- A sign saying there's a drinking fountain at Bell Court.
- At the beach the dog drinking fountain is not a foot wash. We need a sign to say For Dogs Only, Shower around the corner.
- Sign at Little Beach dock saying open to public.
- Discussion of signage at the beach, rules, changing area etc.

Motion to move the CIP agenda to next month. Moved by Baasen, seconded by Babcock.

Wayzata Farmers Market as advertised they are interested in have a community group tent as one of the members of the market. Discussion as to whether the Park and Trails would like to be a part of it one week.

Motion to close the meeting. Moved by Babcock seconded by McWethy. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.