



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017
6:00 pm**

**Wayzata City Hall, Conference Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota**

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2017 Board Meeting**
- 3. Approval of Agenda for September 20, 2017 Board Meeting**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Review JJ Hill Days Experience**
 - b. Wayzata Parks & Trails 2018 CIP Discussion and Wrap Up**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Communications Review**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Adjourn**

Parks and Trails Board

Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am 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, Joanie Cunningham, Mary Bader, with Dave Dudinsky from City. Jeff Dahl, Wayzata City Manager, was also present.

Approval of Minutes of July Board meeting was postponed pending revision and subsequent approval by Board email.

Agenda: order of agenda items was revised and Babcock motion with Randolph second approved.

Master Parks Plan

Chair Baasen offered introductory remarks and City Manager Dahl lead a discussion on the City Council's decision at the Council's April planning retreat to initiate a Wayzata Parks Master Plan. He discussed the differences between Lake Effect vs. Comprehensive Plan vs. the Master Plan.

City Manager Dahl addressed Parks Board concerns regarding the Parks Master Plan which included:

Improving communication from the City regarding its expectations of the Parks & Trails Board

Questions regarding the need for the City to spend money on a consultant. Parks Board believes that it has been very focused on resident feedback over the last 3 years and has received a wealth of data on what Wayzata residents like, don't like, and priorities going forward. The Board believes that eight members, who are residents with intimate knowledge of the city and its residents, might be more in touch with parks issues than an outside consultant who would do yet another survey requesting current information and insight that we already have.

Lack of feedback from the City on the Parks CIP process; the Parks and Trails Board does a presentation on CIP requests for the following year to the Council every October, and receive essentially zero feedback or comment, other than a statement at some later date from liaison Dudinsky as to whether funding has been approved or not approved.

Status of the Platform Tennis project, how it was initiated, how it has progressed, and concern and uncertainty for how it is to proceed from here was discussed, and the need expressed for open, transparent communication going forward.

The Parks Board readily agrees that it has been a relatively short period of time since the Parks Board's inception in late 2012, and that events have progressed very rapidly since. The above concerns

are not intended as criticism of Council or Staff in any way, just growing pains of a rapidly-evolving relationship that we sincerely believe is benefiting the city and its residents.

Sailing into 2042 initiative and process were discussed.

JJ HILL

Goals for the Parks & Trails Board presence at JJ Hill needs to accomplish, and detailed plans for our booth were presented by Cunningham and Showalter. Plans for booth layout, photos, posters, programming samples and examples, accomplishments, new ideas, signup sheets, and handouts were discussed.

CIP 2017 and 2018

Time did not allow full discussion of these topics, so they were postponed pending a special meeting during the week of September 11, prior to the next scheduled board meeting September 20. Board members were asked to review the handouts provided by Babcock and Cunningham, to determine Board priorities for 2018, and to identify capital vs maintenance items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am, motion by Babcock, second by McWethy

Dave Dudinsky

From: Mary Bader <mcbader09@q.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Dan Baasen
Cc: Dave Dudinsky; Merrily Babcock; Tyler Purdy; Joanie Cunningham; Sarah Showalter; Jim McWethy; Sarah Randolph
Subject: Notes from Parks and Trails workshop on Sept. 11, 2017

Dan, here are some very rough notes re: CIPs that I took at our workshop on [Monday 9/11/17](#)

- Refinishing tennis courts should be a maintenance item.
- Signage for our parks is a priority – Several parks need to have their names formalized and approved by the city council before we make their signs.
- Music in the Parks – We will do it for another year, but we will ask for more money. Find out cost of a canopy for musicians before deciding how much to request. (Who will find this out?) Purdy will chair Music in the Parks.
- We would like 10 additional Adirondack chairs – 5 for beach around fire pit in winter and 5 for Bell Courts.
- Remove marina fireplace and extra seating from the requests for 2018. (Did we want to retain this idea for the future with a possible shelter?)
- We think a study of a grand plan for the nature center is premature. (Dan will talk to Dave to clarify what the 16K is for.) We discussed the possibility of investigating the possibility of a partnership with Great River Greening and possible matching funds.
- Adjust request for platform tennis to 125K from 257K. (If the project is approved and costs exceed plan, the city contribution will still not exceed 125K.)
- We will request money to update and reprint map of parks and trails. Mary will attempt to get an estimated cost. She will ask Dave Dudinsky about costs on the first map.
- Summer programs – We discussed asking Minnetonka Community Ed to meet with us and review the classes and comments they received from participants. The consensus of the board was to immediately investigate the possibility of switching to new vendor. Dan will contact the Wayzata School District/Plymouth to investigate.
- Volunteer program idea – Dan and Jim suggested need for help with park activities to avoid burnout of board members. Consensus of board was that we should not start a volunteer program separate from the existing Wayzata Volunteers. The board needs to discuss with Lynn McCarthy, the city's volunteer coordinator, if we could get some volunteers to help us.
- Trails – board members reported getting many questions about trails at JHill booth.

- H-Dock – A majority of board members expressed disappointment with floating H-dock at the main beach and the geese feces problem that continues. Despite the cost, they are interested in replacing it with a higher, conventional dock. Borg Babcock will call the MCWD for information.
- Communications – Before the October board meeting, Mary will draft a statement for the council explaining the need for a new map/brochure. She will also talk to Kristin about a website update for parks and trails (after she talks to Dave first).
- Our priority CIP requests for 2018 also include these items:
 - ✓ Tire swing/s at Klapprich Park
 - ✓ More ice skating aids for Klapprich skating rink
 - ✓ A doublewide broom for bocce ball courts
 - ✓ Basketball hoop and half court
 - ✓ 1 or 2 additional Australian sails for dog park
 - ✓ Bike rack at Little Beach (2019)
 - ✓ Boardwalk across Eastman Marsh (2019) for safety
- Dan will discuss bike repair stations with Dave.
- Board also discussed the desirability of a children's splash fountain. Such a fountain was the second most popular request from visitors to our 2015 JHill booth.
- We discussed the idea of a boat parade for July 4th. No decision made.