

WAYZATA PARKS AND TRAILS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DEC. 6, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman.Baasen. All board members present, except T. Purdy. Public Service Director Dave Dudinsky also present. Visitor: Deb Dudinsky.

M. Bader moved (M. Babcock seconded) to approve minutes of previous meeting. Passed unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENTS - D. Dudinsky announced that the City Council had approved reappointment to the board for S. Showalter, J. McWethy and M. Bader, all for three-year terms. Chairman D. Baasen was reappointed as Executive Board Chair for a one-year term.

Five people applied for the four board openings. M. Babcock moved to invite the fifth candidate, Gerald Osmund, to an advisory board for the upcoming master plan. The motion passed unanimously. Chr. Baasen said he would call Osmund.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS – M. Babcock noted the need to plan early for 2018 concerts. The board discussed possible alternatives to Klapprich Park for concerts, such as the depot, the new Great Lawn, the Beach or Shaver Park. M. Babcock moved to consider an alternative site for concerts. S. Showalter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The board also discussed the need for someone to be in charge of hiring bands and the need for more pre-concert publicity. Chr. Baasen wants a plan to increase publicity. M. Bader said she would contact City communications specialist Kristin Classey.

PARK MASTER PLAN – Chr. Baasen said he would like the plan completed by May. Board discussed objectives and timeline for the plan. D. Dudinsky asked members to give him feedback on his RFP for a consultant to execute the planning process. Chr. Baasen asked members to send their comments to J. McWethy, who will coordinate responses.

Chairman Baasen said he would like three members to volunteer for a subcommittee to interview and recommend which consultant to hire. Members Babcock, Bader and Cunningham volunteered. D. Dudinsky said city staff would also be involved. (He noted that Three Rivers Park District wants to extend the Dakota Trail to Minnetonka, which could become a factor in planning.)

Chr. Baasen asked members to think of people who would be good for the citizen advisory group to be formed to help the board.

M. Bader noted that there are multiple names used for some of our parks, and she recommended the names be standardized and approved by the City Council before proceeding with signage for the parks.

J. Cunningham clarified that May 8 is the date set for the kickoff event for park programs.

M. Bader noted the e-newsletter will resume in January.

Chr. Baasen said plans for the July 4 boat parade are proceeding. The City Council has approved it, the sailing school is supporting it, and the chamber will handle the publicity.

S. Showalter updated board on the Lake Effect, which has formed a partnership with several organizations to offer a YMCA-led ecology program for 100 elementary and middle school kids near the site of the future eco-park.

M. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting about 8:30. S. Showalter seconded. Passed unanimously.