

Wayzata Parks and Trails
Meeting minutes
2/17/16

1. Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Joanie Cunnigham, Holly Evans, Sarah Randolph, Tyler Purdy, Sarah Showalter, and David Dudinsky present. Jim McWethy absent.
2. Approved minutes of Jan. 7, 2016 meeting as read by Sarah S.
3. Merrily motion to approve agenda. Holly seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Old Business.

a. Strategic Plan

Review of Strategic Plan since Vision Statement was approved at last meeting.

Merrily reported that Todd Rexine from Great River Greening said there could be a one-to-one grant matching for use in undeveloped Nature Center off LaSalle.

Reviewed that Board had collectively decided not to pursue Shaver Park exercise equipment.

b. Website and Communicaiton.

Joanie reported she's been in touch with Communication Board. Steve Fox ,the Communication Board Chair, recently resigned. Unknown who will be appointment to fill that position. Joanie and Holly will meet prior to a meeting with Kristen Classey and Dave Dubinsky to determine what website content can be improved. Discussion from December and January meeting was that because there is so much information to get out to the community, Board would like a quicker and more frequent means of communicating with the Wayzata residents as part of a communication plan. Will put on March agenda further discussion on what recommendations are.

c. Luce Line & Dakota Trail Connection

Dave reported there is a grant that could be used for striping on Ferndale to connect Luce Line and Dakota Trail. Dave received an email from resident expressing that there should be a sidewalk on Ferndale due to safety concerns for him and his family biking from Wayzata Blvd. to Lake St. Striping could happen this summer. There would be the option of having trail striping and/or sidewalk. Dave will check with Mike Kelly to see what came out of meeting recently to see what engineering options there are.

g. Donations & Contributions.

Dave spoke to Doug and City Manager about P&T receiving funds. They had concern that it could conflict with goals of Lake Effect. Board welcomed Dave's suggestion of doing a workshop with the council to explore. Dave will try and arrange a workshop before the March 16th Council Mtg.

Donation by resident for fire pit went into P&T CIP per Dave.

d. Summer Programs Update & Publicity.

Dave provided update from Minnetonka Community Ed. that enrollment was going well. Ty commented one program was full.

Holly updated that the subgroup of Holly, Joanie, Merrily, Sarah R. and Sarah S. met and identified places to put out fliers and poster promoting the Summer Programming.

Dave will secure insert in water bill for Feb. and April but revised to highlight available programs. He'll also talk to Kristin about putting a pop-up on website for parks programs. Board members will continue to promote.

e. Merrily reported she has a conflict with the June 26 date of the POPP celebration. She will explore other dates, possibly JJ Hill day. She'd like to have it at 3-4 Sunday. Jud Dayton and Ned & Sherry Ann Dayton had suggested JJ Hill day. Merrily will work on scheduling to avoid the parade.

f. Tree Tapping.

Merrily has 10 groups signed up so far. 24 groups could be accommodated. It will be in the Friday Update. It's been done between 10th-19th of March.

h. Summer Music Program in Klapprich Park.

Ty reported Jim, Merrily and Sarah S and himself have looked into having 4 Sunday concerts - June 19th, July 10th, July 24th, Aug. 7th. We should expect only 1 hr of music. Wanted a mix of music including bluegrass. Paul from UPS is willing to donate flyers and banner to promote. Ty will circulate list of board of directors of St. Paul Chamber to review for Wayzata residents to see if they'd want to sponsor. Estimated \$4,500 budget for concert series.

i. Volunteer Program and Coordination.

f. Hennepin County Grant Program/Klapprich Park Playground Equipment.

Sub-committee of Ty, Jim and Sarah S. investigated the Hennepin County Grant and found it is actually \$25,000, not \$125,000 as initially believed. They also met with Charlie, Flagship Recreation who is experienced in building accessible playgrounds. When the park is replaced it needs to be ADA compliant. Dave reported Klapprich equipment is 15 yrs old. He usually replaces at 20 yrs. Ty will work on scheduling Charlie to come in and talk to the Board about possible designs and expense.

j. Fire Pit Update.

Fire Pit has arrived. Merrily wrote a thank you note to donors Chris and Nora Gondeck. Dave Dudinski reported Kurt Klapprich will mark where the concrete base should go, will send out for review and will have it poured soon.

5. New Business

a. Bocce Ball Court at Bell Tennis Court. Dave is working with Terry Knight on a design that will last and not heave. Dan suggested courts should be self-contained and level, hard-true courts.

b. Platform Tennis Program. It's in the P&T plan for 2017. Peter Hitch is passionate about it. Dan suggests we move forward with involving Peter and start raising the money for it. Location

TBD. Jim can work with Peter. Motion by Merrily, seconded by Sarah R. to move forward with pursuing Paddle Tennis. Motion passed.

c. Booth at JJ Hill Days & Wayzata Art Experience Event.
Not enough interest in having a booth at Wayzata Art Experience.

d. Lake Effect Update.
Holly reports community meeting #3 is Feb. 23rd. Discussion regard goal of project and 3 alternative projects.

e. Boat Parade. Dan spoke to Adriene Morrison about boat parade during 4th of July. Targeting 1:00 p.m. following the Flying Pancake Breakfast and Kiddie Parade. Sponsorship could help. Decided to move forward.

6. Other Business.

Merrily reported Bushaway Landscape Committee asked if we'd want to contribute to bike rest area at Bushaway/McGinty. Idea was discussed and Board concluded it would be beyond the reach of the Board to make any recommendation as it was not a park within the city.

There were three Board members interested in serving as a representative to the Public Art Selection committee reviewing art for east entrance to city. Joanie's name was selected and was therefore appointed.

Motion to adjourn Joanie, seconded by Sarah S.
Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Showalter