

**Park and Trails Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 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, and David Dudinsky from the city.

Absent: Joanie Cunningham and Mary Bader

There was an Introduction of Mary Bader, the board's newest member, though she was unable to be present due to a recent surgery. She will be here in Feb.

Minutes from December meeting motioned to be approved by McWethy and seconded by Randolph.

Agenda was approved after it was amended below. Motioned by Babcock and seconded by Purdy. Unanimously approved by the board.

Additions to the agenda included discussion of JW Anderson and the moving of the memorial statue and concerts in the park were added. New line up to the Other Business - D. Removable dock at Little Beach. E. Skating on lake. F. Merrily's surprise. G. Dog safe salt in the city.

Old Business

- A. St Bart's Garden Club: Researched sizes and map of what the garden could look like. Including raised boxes divided for the different grades. Thinking camp in the summer time to work and water and care for it. Vegetable may be used for themselves in their kitchen and donate to IOCP. Thinking about 20' x 30'. Area east of the water tower and north of Bell Court. Drainage is the issue. Another location discusses is the city owned land where Broadway turns into Queensland. There is a hydrant there for watering. Also wondering about area north of Wayzata Middle school. Ultimate spot decided on is at the corner of Queensland and Broadway. P and T Board decided to approve the idea on a trial based this year. We'll reconvene after the summer to learn how to improve. Motion by Showalter and seconded by Babcock. Lily Nick from St. Bart's was the presenter.
- B. Discussion of a Skateboard Park in Wayzata: Lead by Amy Marlin, contributor of Wayzata Life magazine and mother of a local Wayzata kid who skate boards, Mark Rodriguez owner of Third Layer, James Kaul skate board ramp builder at Third Layer, and Sergio Newell/"Rockstar", who is a musician, a kid advocate, participates in community activities with kids, and a photographer. Rodriguez works with (City of Skate) – nonprofit and is the owner of Third Layer which is an indoor skate park. It

has been open since 1997 and is owned by the riders. There has been lots of growth in extreme action sports and it has been very successful. Twin Cities is known as the hub of action sports in the Midwest. Wayzata born pro skate boarder Davis Torgerson is from and lives in the area. Skate parks do well in public park areas with shade, restrooms, water. There are 2 types of skate parks that are typically built. 1. Concrete low maintenance \$200-\$500k. 2. Wood, \$150-\$200k. Easy to maintain and change as needed however not quite as durable long term. A skate park usually needs about 10-12,000 sq feet of space. Need \$10k a year to maintain. This can be done through insurance league of cities, tax dollars, private donations, and grants. Demographics- who is skating? He pulled the waivers that have been signed in the last 4 months and there were 450 people willing to drive to Golden Valley where Third Layer is located. These people are coming from Wayzata, Plymouth, Mound and Orono. Average age 13.5. 10% are girls. In 2020 skate boarding will become an Olympic sport. US Bank Stadium is hosting the X games in 2017/18 the weekend of July 14th.

- C. Community Ed. Lots to review: Board is going to have another meeting Tues. the 24th at 7:30AM to go over in detail.
- D. Strategic Plan: Mission statement and vision statement have been added. Hoping to have it posted somewhere soon. Review of the 5 year plan and then we'll approve it at our 7:30AM meeting.
- E. Platform Tennis: Jim McWethy and Peter Hitch have been working on the platform tennis courts in Wayzata. They are working on a brochure that will be used for info and fund raising. It will be available to be handed out during the Chilly Open. They are also planning a donor kick off intro at Woodhill March 8th at 7:30PM. There will be a demo, video loop, and discussion. Hoping to start the discussion and the giving. Any donation checks will need to be made out to a foundation and the Wayzata Foundation has offered to help. In the subject line the platform tennis needs to be called out.
 - I. Brochure status
 - II. Fund raising discussion

New Business

- A. What is it that we really want to achieve as we move forward as the Park and Trails Board? What challenges do we face? What are our successes? What have we had on our list that we haven't achieved and do we want to keep it on our list or let it go?

Other Business

- A. JW Anderson Memorial: The city is hoping to move his memorial to area east of city hall where it will be more visible and readily honored.
- B. Music in the Park: Jim, Merrily, Tyler and Mary have identified 3-4 acts. The bands will be a local garage band, Wayzata Symphony, a 7 member blue grass band, and hopefully the 4th may be a group of MacPhail faculty. Music in the Park will be held Sunday afternoon 4-6PM. 2 mid to late June and 2 mid to late Aug. There may be a conflict with the art experience June 25 but they are working on that. Stage would be in the paved area above the pump house in Klapprich with the audience on the sledding hill. Planning to speak with local restaurants about putting together picnic dinners for purchase.
- C. Little Beach dock: Working on bids. Merrily is going to help Dave on bids.
- D. Skating on the lake. Has the fire pit been moved over to the peninsula from the depot? Skating in the inner or outer marina is planned for the Chilly Open and it was discussed that this would be fun place to have skating more than that weekend possibly.
- E. Pet safe salt: Would it be possible for the businesses in Wayzata to use pet safe salt instead of what is currently being used?
- F. Research for the H dock and the goose droppings: We are going to try Goose be Gone to keep them off the dock.