

Park and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 18, 2018

Prior to the meeting the Board held a 45-minute workshop with four representatives of the Three Rivers Parks long-range planning team to discuss and give feedback on their plans and possible routes to extend the Dakota Trail from the current trailhead in Wayzata to the Minnetonka City Hall campus on Minnetonka Blvd.

Call to order 6:18PM

Attendees: Board Chair Dan Baasen, Board Members Tyler Purdy, Jim McWethy, Sarah Showalter, Joanie Cunningham, Mary Bader, Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Randolph, and Mike Kelly from the City. Terry Minarik from Confluence was in attendance for Parks Master Plan portion of agenda, and Jenny and Tim from Minnetonka Community Ed for the Parks Programming portion of the agenda.

Minutes from the March 21 Board meeting were approved with motion by Cunningham and second by Showalter.

Agenda was amended to include comments below by Kelly, moved by Purdy and seconded by Babcock.

Old Business

- a. Kelly reported that Lake Effect consultant Civitas would like to have a workshop with P&T Board on Wed April 25 at 5pm to discuss and receive feedback on their preliminary design plans
- b. Kelly initiated a discussion on planning for 4th of July Boat Parade; insurance is in place, City permit application needs to be submitted soon; Baasen is working with Brooke Beyer on registration and other details
- c. Minarik from Confluence updated the Board on their summary of feedback that was received from the Board at the March 21 workshop. The list of potential cities that Confluence will be studying for parks ideas and innovations was discussed. The Confluence team would like to take a half-day tour of Wayzata parks with the Board on Monday, May 7 from 2PM to 7PM. Various public input opportunities were discussed including a booth at the Lake Effect Spring Splash event, stakeholder and neighborhood meetings, and a city-wide charrette open house. A list of stakeholders and neighborhood advocates was started. The Board was invited to be in attendance at a Confluence/City Council workshop on Tuesday, May 1.
- d. Minnetonka Community Ed representatives distributed a spreadsheet showing past and future summer programming promotional catalogs, mailings, emails, and social media items. Currently 121 registrations for Wayzata summer programs have been received, which is on par with last year at this date. They are optimistic that warmer weather will encourage strong interest. They will email the Board a listing of current signups by individual class offerings, per request by Borg Babcock. Plans for the May 8 public kick-off event were

discussed; attendees will be able to register for classes at the event, McCormick's has committed to supply hot dogs; Kelly will encourage McCormick's to promote their beach concession at the event, and look into an inside location in case of rain.

- e. Plans for this June's Music in the Parks series and ideas for signage were discussed
- f. Plans for the P&T booth at the Lake Effect Spring Splash event were discussed; Purdy and Cunningham will follow up.
- g. Big Woods wildflower planting, and garlic mustard and buckthorn removal, will proceed as much as ground thaw will allow

Other Business

The Board expressed sincere appreciation to Dave Dudinsky for his exceptional guidance since the formation of the Park Board as liaison between the Board and City, for his leadership, experience, wisdom, and advocacy through the years. We truly could not have done it without him.

Motion to adjourn by Randolph and second by Bader, 7:40PM