



**Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2022**

**Board Member Attendees:** Tory Schalkle, Tyler Purdy, Merrily Babcock, Jon Erickson

**Staff:** Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

**Public Attendees:** Peter Hitch, Brian McCullough, Dennis Marhula, Chris Hickman

**Absent:** Sarah Showalter, Sarah Randolph, and Graciela Gonzalez

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Schalkle at 6:31 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Purdy made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Babcock. Motion approved 4-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a) Shalkle made motion to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes with proposed amendments, seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 4-0.
  - b) Shalkle made motion to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes, seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 4-0.
  - c) The 2022 Schedule for taking meeting minutes was distributed.
4. **Public Comment: Public Comment:**
  - a) **Wayzata Community Education,** Julie Ebert, Julie Menk, and Katie Lee from Wayzata Community Ed presented information regarding class offerings, marketing, evaluations by participants and answered questions about budget and possible involvement in promoting the Earth Day Tree planting event.
  - b) **Boat Slips:** Three current users/renters of the city owned boat slips spoke on various issues regarding pricing, maintenance, and security. To provide an opportunity for greater input, a survey is being developed by staff to be distributed to interested parties after approval.
5. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Playground Update:** The most recent conceptual drawing and plans created by the Contractor were shared. The project is a work in progress and the Contractor is

experiencing staffing issues so the work is not as far progressed as had been hoped. There were several comments regarding the need to reduce the footprint, better fit sight topography and reduce the quantity of equipment. Parks Planner Kieser will forward and post revised plans when he receives them to get additional feedback from the Board. A meeting will be set up with the playground subcommittee and the Contractor to discuss the updated plans.

- b) **Platform Tennis:** Staff update, the City met with School District personnel to discuss the potential location at the Middle School West property. It is southwest of the school adjacent to the parking lot. The proposed location was favorably received by the school representative. Peter Hitch, a community member and advocate, provided updated conceptual site drawings and provided general information. The next step is to develop a rough cost estimate and eventually present the project to the city Council.
- c) **Winter Activity:** Purdy provided an update for a Saturday afternoon community skating event at Klapprich Park and details were discussed. The preferred dates are later in February, to not conflict with Chilly Open events.
- d) **Fall and Spring Tree Plantings:** Babcock is working on an April 23 tree event that will incorporate a free tree giveaway and an educational guest. The event is planned to take place in a City park, most likely Klapprich Park.
- e) **Maple Tree Tapping:** A discussion and update to change this event to a DIY with City staff distributing the instructions, taps and buckets to participants. The key individual that championed this event and cooked the sap has other commitments this Spring.
- f) **Sunday Music in the Park:** Progress Update, Babcock has contacted the (4) bands that were discussed in the previous meeting and is receiving commitments. City staff discussed promotional posters for the event. Staff also inquired about the sale of refreshments at the event, which would require permit fees from MidAmerica and a temporary liquor license from the city. Board Member Erickson will champion the beverages for the program this year.
- g) **Wayzata Parks and Trails Brochure:** Staff presented the existing brochure and asked for input for an updated version. From the discussion, staff will work on a complete update of the brochure for the Board to review in the future.

#### 6. New Business:

- a) **Adult Exercise Equipment:** Tabled

#### 7. Other Business:

- a) **Revenue generating ideas:** Tabled
- b) **Next meeting:** Suggested agenda items were:
  - **Playground Update**
  - **Platform Tennis**

- **Boat Slip**
- **Winter Activity**
- **Maple Tree Tapping**
- **Sunday Music in the Park**
- **Budget/CIP Update**
- **Master Calendar of Parks and Trails Events**

**8. Adjournment:** Shalkle made motion to adjourn at 9:09 PM, seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 4-0.