

Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes 1/20/21

Attendees: M. Borg Babcock, Jon. Erickson, T. Purdy, S. Randolph, T. Schalkle, and S. Showalter,

Staff: M. Kelly, Director of Public Works

Absent: Graciela Gonzales

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** M. Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **Playground Vendor Interviews**
 - a. Brett Altergott made a brief presentation on before of Flagship Recreation and responded to board member questions. He was going to provide specific examples of their nature themed installs.
 - b. Andrew Pudwill from Ultimate Playgrounds made an approximate 15-minute presentation on behalf of Ultimate Playgrounds and responded to board members. While their Kompan equipment is installed worldwide, he referenced several examples they have done in the Minneapolis parks system.
 - c. Harlan Lehman and Briana Cohen of Minnesota Wisconsin Playground presented their Gametime product concepts. They would like to introduce and new net climber as a destination feature on the beach playground.

3. Selection of New Chairperson

Jon Erickson introduced himself as a new member to the board.

Discussion regarding transition and selection of new board chair.

Merrily nominated Tory for position of committee chair. Sarah Randolph seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. 1-yr term to be further considered in by-laws discussion.

4. Approval of Agenda

M. Borg-Babcock proposed amendment to agenda to include under other business, tree tapping, tree planting, memorial to Ron Anderson near Bushaway and Sunday Music in the Park in the Fall. T. Schalkle requested the addition of snow structures one the agenda. M. Borg-Babcock motioned to approved amended agenda. T. Purdy seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

S. Showalter made a correction to minutes and motioned to approve the minutes as amended, S. Randolph seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

6. **Public Comments.** No public comments.

7. Old Business

- a. Playground Discussion - Board discussed playground designer interviews. M. Borg-Babcock motioned for M. Kelly to go back to vendors with park specific budgets and request updated designs. T. Purdy seconded the motions and it was unanimously approved. In the meantime, Board members will visit local sites in person or with photos to see installations of MN/WI and Flagship equipment.

8. **New Business**

- a. Discussion of Creation of Bylaws for the Parks and Trails Board. The board reviewed an example of bylaws adopted by the Commission on Energy and Environment. Members will take portions of the document to review and adapt to fit parks and trails. Proposed language will be reviewed at next meeting. Jeff Dahl will come to next meeting to discuss by-laws.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Discussion Items

M. Borg Babcock suggested the possibility of changing the format of the Spring tree tapping event to include video "how-to" demonstration.

M. Borg Babcock reported she was approached by Cargill to donate 40-60 trees for personal use by residents.

M. Borg-Babcock proposed naming the undesignated park area at McGinty and Bushaway after Ron Anderson who was a resident who volunteered to inventory the great many trees impacted by the Bushaway Road reconstruction project. The board was in full support and requested M. Kelly to present the request to the City Council.

T. Schalkle inquired about using clean snow for a pile for winter activity.

M. Kelly reported on recent conversations with Wayzata Community education and how summer classes can be planned realizing the numbers for participation may be restricted. It would be less than full scale. Members expressed interest in moving forward with exploring planning for 2021 summer programming.

Sign at Post Office park noted to still be in place recently. M. Kelly will look to see if it's still there and if deadline was set for its removal.

M. Kelly reported Emerald Ash Borer has been found east of Holdridge Terrace. Two trees have been identified. 120-160 trees have already been selectively replaced. Further communication will be coming to residents.

- b. Next Meeting Agenda:

- playgrounds and feedback from tours and what is received in response
- By-law review and drafting
- Music in the parks
- Garrison Landing
- Emerald Ash Borer

Adjournment: M. Borg Babcock moved to adjourn at 9:20p.m. T. Schalkle seconded. Motion passed 6-0.