



**Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022**

Board Member Attendees: Tory Schalkle, Merrily Babcock, Jon Erickson, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter. Graciela Gonzalez attended by zoom for the majority of the meeting and abstained from voting.

Staff: Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

Public Attendees: Andrew Mullin, Brian and Christina McCullough, Dennis Marhula, Chris Hickman

Absent: Tyler Purdy

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Chair Schalkle.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Comments to amend the Agenda were made by Borg Babcock and Schalkle, Schalkle motioned to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Borg Babcock. Motion approved 5-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Borg Babcock motioned to approve January 19, 2022 Minutes, second by Sarah Randolph. Motion approved 4-0. Gonzalez and Showalter abstained.
4. **Public Comment**

a. **Wai Nani:** Andrew Mullin, owner of Wai Nani, presented information regarding the operation of the lakeside rental/instruction business. Last year, Wai Nani piloted bikes and expanded operations to Long Lake and Excelsior and started an apparel line.

In an effort to eliminate uncertainty of applying for permit each year he has approached the City to engage in a 5 year term agreement with a mutual 90 day notice for termination with a percentage of net sales fee rather than permit fee payment. The most significant concerns around operations in the space Mullin notes are security around beach area and frustration with petty theft.

b. **Boat Slips:** Stakeholders voiced concerns regarding security of boats at the marina and damage they have experienced. They are frustrated, in their experience, in learning damage to boats on the water is a county issue and being told cameras in the area were not operating or video could not be retrieved. The group remained for discussion regarding a survey being sent to current boat slip holders.

c. **Survey discussion:** Agenda item advanced to allow comment by public attendees. Review of drafted language with comments by members of the public saying they want safe access and security in the area as primary concern. The results of survey will be brought to City Council.

5. Old Business

a. **Playground Update:** The Board discussed the updated plans from vendor and possibly still reducing foot print and equipment of the playground. Revisited original list of desired features in park. City staff will work toward planning an open house to engage public to react to available options and express preferences for the space. Board members will put together a list of elements to put in survey to get out to public within 2 weeks. The Board also discussed feasibility of grants.

b. **Platform Tennis:** Randolph to present at the City Council workshop on March 8. The Council will discuss the current concept location at Wayzata Middle School and permission to explore more formally with school district.

c. **First Family Skate Night:** Event was well attended and went well.

d. **Fall and Spring Tree Plantings:** Borg Babcock reported on Earth Day Tree Give Away scheduled on April 23. It was also noted that Emerald Ash Borer is all over Wayzata.

e. **Maple Tree Tapping Evet:** Borg Babcock reported that tree tapping equipment was handed out for DIY tree tapping.

f. **Music in the Parks:** Borg Babcock reported she was able to retain same bands at same cost. The cost so far is \$6,200 without publicity. Erickson will ask 925 if they want to partner in offering beverages for purchase.

6. New Business

a. **Adult Exercise Equipment:** Deferred to next meeting when Gonzalez is available to present.

b. **Parks Rezoning:** Staff gave background on how issue came about with attention on the Section Foreman House work. Board reviewed proposed language. Randolph motioned to accept proposed language for Park Rezoning, Erickson seconded, motion approved 5-0.

c. **Boat Slip Survey:** Discussion was advanced on agenda.

d. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Erickson motioned for Shackle to be chair, seconded by Borg Babcock, motioned passed 5-0. Shackle motioned to name Borg Babcock as vice chair, Showalter seconded motion, motion passed 5-0.

7. Other Business

a. Topics for Next Meeting:

Klapprich Playground
Platform Tennis
Adult Exercise Equipment
Parks Rezoning Update
P&T Board Brochure Update
Boat Slip Survey Update
Recycle Playground Equipment Discussion

Borg Babcock motioned to adjourn, Randolph seconded, approved 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.