

Wayzata Park and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Attendees: Chair Tory Schalkle, Randolph, Gonzalez, Erickson, Babcock

Staff: Mike Kelly, Director of Public Works

Absent: Showalter, Purdy

Guests: Andrew Mullin

Meeting was called to order by chairman Tory Schalkle at 6:03pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Babcock suggested discussion of adding a birdbath to the Post Office Pocket Park. Gonzalez made a motion to approve agenda, as amended. Seconded by Schalkle. Motion approved 5-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Schalkle asked that his motion regarding the playground be included in the record. There was also a request to delete the "and" at the end of the Attendee list. Schalkle made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Seconded by Babcock. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Comments: No public comment

Old Business:

- a. Wai Nani Surf and Paddle - Andrew Mullin, owner of Wai Nani Surf and Paddle was present. Originally, he was thinking of increasing his business by adding kayaks this year, but now has found people expressing interest in bike rental. He has been in discussion with Gear West about getting some bikes from them. He is planning to have a few standard bikes, as well as a couple electric bikes. He is asking the city for power down at his shed at the beach so that the bikes can be charged. He is asking for our blessing in trying these things out this year. There will likely have to be a new place for these operations, if they expand in the future. Currently planning on Memorial Day through Labor Day. P & T Board questioned why end in early September? Why not longer? There were questions as to how the solar connection would work to charge the bikes. A motion was made by Babcock to support the project and seconded by Erickson. Motion approved 5-0.
- b. Creation of Bylaws Update – Bylaws are meant to be a general guideline for the Park & Trails Board. They are going to be presented to the council for their approval. Babcock made a motion to approve the bylaws, as amended, and forward them to the City Council. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion approved 5-0.
- c. Playground Discussion – Board members who are part of the playground subcommittee have given dates and times we can have a meeting. We are waiting to hear from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground as to when that will be scheduled.

- d. Music in the Park – Babcock confirmed that four bands have confirmed, Ditchweed, Blue Groove, Wailing Loons, and Westwind Swing Band. Working on getting flyers priced and depending, printed.
- e. Tree Tapping Update – Sign up filled up in 2 days. Boiled 400 Gallons of sap which gave us 10 gallons of syrup. Lasted for 5 weeks. 32 participants. Lots of the work falls on Babcock. There was brainstorming as to how to alleviate and share some of that responsibility if we do it again next year.
- f. Heritage Park Planting Update – We need to replace the wrought iron fence around the park. Option 1 would be sand blast and paint. Option 2 would be to replace with new. Option 3 would be to remove, sand blast, paint, and replace. Suggestion to Table doing any plantings there.
- g. Ron Anderson Memorial Discussion – It has not been brought to the council yet. Council has been working on the official policy of ‘naming’ something after someone. They have settled on the process now. Discussion was to name the trail rest area at McGinty and Bushaway Rd after Anderson. Discussion as to how we move forward with this. Mr. Anderson was integral in the saving of Bushaway Rd. He knocked on every door along Bushaway to inspire grassroots support and saved several hundred trees in the process. We are not sure how to best honor him. Babcock is going to work on that.
- h. Earth Day Tree Giveaway Update - 45 people have signed up for the tree give away. There are 60 trees in total. The trees are small enough for kids to dig the hole and plant. Trying to figure out where and when the trees will be distributed.

New Business

- a. Light up the Lake Partnership Proposal – Some things included were the curling down on Panoway, Infinity Loop Skating, and Fireworks. They decided that they would like to do it again next year. There has been discussion by the Chamber to include the P & T Board with this event next winter.
- b. Panoway Liaison Request - There has been discussion that there should be a member of the P & T Board who would be a liaison on the Panoway board since this will eventually become a park. Lots of discussion as to how is this space going to be used. Should there be activities, or should it just be and people use it how they see fit?
- c. Spring Splash Discussion – They are hoping that Spring Splash will take place. Right now, it is planned May 1st, 11am -1pm. It would be an opportunity to share summer activities and programming through the parks. Booth would be free.

Other Business

- a. Little Libraries Discussion – Discussion began related to the process for adding items to the parks. There have been Little Libraries in many of our parks and board member were curious where they came from. A couple Eagle scouts came and presented the idea to the council and

Mike Kelly and Jeff Dahl approved them to move forward. The design and color palette, as well as the placement of the libraries, were met with mixed enthusiasm by the board.

- b. Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard Pull at Big Woods – Babcock proposed bringing a goat herder in to handle the Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard. High School Football teams have volunteered in the past but with the Pandemic, etc. that has been hard the last couple years.
- c. Budget Update – Review of the park dedication fees that are coming through with the new construction of condo buildings going up throughout town. Review of the CIP. Staff to confirm rent for telecom site is paid with an offsetting revenue.
- d. There has been a birdbath that has been proposed for Post Office Park by a citizen of Wayzata. Babcock is presenting the idea to the board. It does not distract from the Armajani design. Babcock made a motion to include the birdbath in the park. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion approved 5-0.

Adjournment: Schalkle moved to adjourn at 8:18pm. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion approved 5-0.