



**Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2022**

**Board Member Attendees:** Tory Schalkle, Jon Erickson, Sarah Randolph, Graciela Gonzalez, Merrily Babcock, Ty Purdy

**Staff:** Nick Kieser, Parks Planner

**Public Attendees:** Wayzata Boat Slip Holder Members, and Peter Hitch

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chair Schalkle.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Randolph motioned to approve agenda with the addition of a public comment by the Wayzata boat slip holders, summary of the community survey, JJ Hill Days participation, and the removal of the float discussion, seconded by Gonzalez. Motion approved 6-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Erickson motioned to approve the minutes as shown, seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 6-0.
4. **Public Comments:** The Wayzata boat slip holder members presented additional information in regards to the current state of the marina and their proposal for the boat slip fund and fees. The boat slip holders stated that they would like the budget and fees to be entirely transparent as to where the funds are going towards. A new fund should be created to show exactly where the boat slip fees are being used. As long as the fees pay for the general maintenance and larger projects associated with the marina, the boat slip holders are fine with the excess revenues going towards other projects in the city.

Staff noted that the Council will have a workshop to discuss the proposed budget system at their June 7 City Council meeting.

**5. Old Business:**

a. Security Camera Update

- Staff has worked to move the installation of security cameras forward as quick as possible to help with the major concern of security down at the marina. Staff can continue to give the Board and the boat slip holders updates as they come available regarding the security cameras. The Board requested to review three bids for the installation of the cameras.

b. Fall and Spring Tree Plantings

- Babcock stated that there was a significant amount of people that came to the tree giveaway and educational event, but there was still a good amount of extra trees that

were leftover. The excess trees were given to Public Works to plant in the gravel bed nursery for future planting.

c. Maple Tree Tapping Event

- Babcock noted that the tapping season is complete. A survey has been drafted by Babcock for the Board to review to send out to the participants of the event. Once the survey is finalized, staff can send out the survey to the DIY tree tapping participants. Staff stated that the tree tapping equipment has started to be returned, but will also send out a reminder email to those that have not returned the equipment.

d. Sunday Music in the Park

- Most of the items for this event have been finalized. The main item to be figured out is if the restaurant 925 is willing to cater the event with drinks and small food items. Erickson has reached out recently with no response, but will continue to reach out to the restaurant to finalize their participation either way.

e. Spring Splash Update

- Staff gave an update that there was a very good turnout at the Spring Splash event. Many participants asked about the beach playground, Sunday Music in the Park, and the overall Panoway project at the Parks and Trails table.

f. Parks and Trails Brochure

- Staff showed an updated version of the Parks and Trails brochure. The Board noted the following updates that are desired for next meeting:
  - Updated pictures for each park
  - Make the amenity page the first page you see when you open the brochure
  - Put the park numbers next to the amenity list
  - Create the park descriptions for each park
  - Add in a QR code that can link to a digital copy of the brochure
- Staff will make these updates for review at the next Parks and Trails Board meeting.

g. Platform Tennis Update

- The platform tennis subcommittee and staff provided a summary of the overall project to ensure that the Board agrees with the updates to move the project forward. The items discussed were; construction timeline (phasing out the project), usage of the courts, fees, maintenance, parking, capital improvements, and the proposed timeline. The project is proposed to be phased out into two phases, the first is to construct just the courts, and then the second would be to construct a hut next to the courts. Staff noted that these items will continue to be worked on throughout the future discussions with the City, School District, and the Board.
- The next step of this project is to have an open house before the May 18 Parks and Trails Board meeting and to set up a meeting with the School District to ensure their approval process is followed as well.

h. Playground Update

**Klapprich Park**

- Staff worked with a consulting firm, HKGI, to complete an Accessible Route Study for the Klapprich Park playground which was attached to the packet for review. Staff stated that the study shows five routes that were reviewed and one route was ultimately shown in detail that connects the existing northern playground and the potential southern play area.
- The Board noted that none of these routes are desired, especially the route that was chosen by HKGI to connect the two play areas. The Board wanted to gain more information regarding the ADA accessibility requirements, specifically for the northern play area and what the possibilities are for updating/replacing equipment in that area. Staff plans to connect with other cities to discuss this issue and determine if more legal advice is needed.

#### **Beach Playground**

- Staff noted that the beach playground opening should be in June and that MN/WI plans to be out on site to continue construction after Memorial Day.
- The Board expressed their displeasure on the delay of the opening. Staff noted they will try to speed up the process as much as possible and express the displeasure of the Board.
- The Board discussed the change of adding a concrete landing area for the spray way equipment instead of the rubber surfacing. The main reason for the change is to ensure that the surface has longevity with the constant water on the surface. A motion was made to move forward with the concrete surface, approved 5-1 (Babcock).

### **6. New Business**

#### a. Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

- Staff stated that a public comment period is open for the preferred route for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail. The Board noted that they do not have any comments for the Three Rivers Park District since this is the same preferred route that they voted on previously. Staff noted that a presentation to the City Council on the Master Plan process is scheduled for June 21.

#### b. Pickleball Discussion

- The Board stated that they would like more information on a few different options to incorporate pickleball into the park system. Once more information is provided the Board can make a recommendation.

#### c. Community Survey

- Chair Schalkle presented some information that was gathered from the community survey that was completed by ~400 residents. The Board reviewed information specifically focused on the Parks and Trails in Wayzata. The Board requested this information sent to them.

### **7. Other Business**

#### a. Budget Update

- The Board discussed some of the CIP items listed.

#### b. Communications Recap

- The Board noted that the platform tennis open house is the main communications piece that needs to be sent out in City channels.

c. Next Meeting

- The next Parks and Trails Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 pm along with a community open house on June 15 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**8. Adjourn**

- Chair Schalkle motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:02 pm, seconded by Randolph. Approved 6-0.