

## Wayzata Park and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

**Attendees:** Chair Schalkle, Showalter, Gonzalez, Erickson, Purdy, Randolph, and Babcock

**Staff:** Mike Kelly, Director of Public Works

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Jeff Dahl, City Manager, Cathy Iverson, Council Member, Peter Hitch

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Schalkle at 6:02pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Suggestion to add Council meeting Update, McCormick's, and Ash Trays and Dog Waste Bags to Other Business. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Babcock. Motion approved 7-0.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Schalkle made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **Public Comments:** City Manager Dahl and Council Member Iverson spoke to the Board about the possibility of implementing community gardens within the city. Several examples of successful gardens were discussed, such as Plymouth and Excelsior. The Wayzata West Middle School was suggested as a potential location.

The Board asked several great questions:

- Would fees be charges? How much?
- How would water be supplied?
- Could it go at Klapprich near the water tower?
- Is there a need?

Manager Dahl and Director Kelly suggested that the City put out a poll with several questions to determine the community's interest in potential community gardens. Once the poll is completed, staff will share the results with the Board and, if necessary, further steps will be taken.

5. **Old Business:**
  - a. Budget Discussion
    - o Do other communities include sidewalk/trails in their parks budget?
    - o Director Kelly to research and provide feedback at a future meeting.
  - b. Playground Discussion
    - o Custom walleye mister looks too cartoonish. Board not interested in pursuing.
    - o What should go in the area of the proposed mister?
      - A different mister, sand/STEM creative table, additional seating

- Director Kelly to ask vendor if new visuals could be provided for community survey and Council.
  - Director Kelly to ask vendor if surcharge could be delayed to June 15.
  - Director Kelly to work with communication department to prepare community survey and publish on social media. Additional sign to be placed at the beach about survey.
  - Director Kelly to summarize comments for Council and send to Board for reference.
  - Director Kelly to present design and community feedback to Council on June 1. Board members should try to attend to show support of project.
- c. Ron Anderson Memorial: Director Kelly to follow up with County
- d. Sunday Music in the Park: Musicians and dates confirmed. Flyers to be updated soon.
- e. Planting/Big Woods/ Tree Giveaway:
- Dig-It event not to be held this year
  - Babcock presented suggestion for using goats to remove buckthorn in Big Woods. Will hold off on formal suggestion until need is clear and restrictions are understood.
  - Babcock successfully gave away 94 trees, provided by Cargill, on Earth Day. Remaining trees were planted in the Public Works gravel bed nursery for future use.

**6. New Business:**

- a. Platform Tennis:
- Peter H to do evaluation on Middle School, using prior criteria
  - Randolph to incorporate that evaluation and present to Council option of Klapprich and Middle School to gauge interest/temp
  - Randolph to meet with Jim Westrum, Jenni Ebert, & others to ensure handoff of interest
- b. Little Beach Kayak Racks: Director Kelly provided a brief presentation. Purdy made a motion to approve the installation of the new racks. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion Passed 6-0.

**7. Other Business**

- a. Council meeting update: Schackle provided a brief summary of his recent Parks and Trails Update to the Council.
- b. McCormick's Beachside: Scheduled to open June 1.
- c. Have ash trays been installed at bus stop?
- d. Have dog waste bags been installed at Big Woods?

**8. Adjournment:** Babcock moved to adjourn at 9:15pm. Seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 6-0.