

## WAYZATA PARKS & TRAILS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2020

**Attendees:** Chair Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Mary Bader, Jim McWethy, Ty Purdy, Sarah Showalter, Tory Schalkle

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

**Absent:** Sarah Randolph

**Call to Order:** Chair Baasen called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bader suggested adding a discussion about Communications to “Other Business”. No formal vote on approval of agenda was taken.

**Approval of Minutes:** Babcock moved to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2020 Board Meeting, seconded by Bader. Motion passed 5-0 (Baasen abstained).

**Public Comments:** City Manager, Jeff Dahl provided the Board with updates on the following topics:

1. City of Wayzata’s planning and preparedness for COVID-19
2. Panoway bonding
3. The impact that COVID-19 is having on the City’s 2020 budget and revenues.
4. Garrison Landing signage

### Old Business:

**Wayzata Community Ed Programming:** The Board discussed the current situation with COVID-19 and the challenges that Wayzata Community Ed was having in obtaining both class instructors and participants. The Board ultimately decided that it would be best to cancel any remaining classes and focus on a successful program for 2021. Baasen made a motion to cancel all remaining programs for 2020 and plan for 2021, seconded by Babcock. Motion passed 7-0.

**Music in the Park:** Similar discussion occurred about the impacts of COVID-19 and the ability to hold concerts with more than 25 participants. Kelly explained that several other events had already been canceled, including the Rotary’s Music by the Lake series. The board decided to cancel all 2020 Concerts in the Park, in the interest of community safety. Several Board members were interested in discussing virtual concerts with the bands. Bader moved to cancel the 2020 Music in the Park series, seconded by Babcock. Motion passed 7-0.

**Three Rivers Park District – Diamond Lake Regional Trail:** Kelly presented a map of potential, future regional trail routes that had been provided by the Three Rivers Park District (TRPD). The TRPD was looking for support of the potential routes so they could move forward to the Community Engagement phase of their Master Plan. Lively discussion ensued, particularly about the segment between Lake Street and Wayzata Blvd. McWethy made a motion to support the proposed alignments and allow TRPD to move on to Community Engagement, seconded by Showalter. Motion passed 4-3 (Babcock, Bader, Schalkle).

**New Business:**

**Playground Upgrades:** Schalke made a presentation intended to spur discussion and decisions on the following: aesthetics, functionality, themes, ages to be served, etc. Discussion led to a plan for Kelly to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to send to potential vendors.

Purdy had to leave.

**Communications/Publicity:** Bader wanted to ensure that current decision-making regarding Music in the Park and Community Ed programming were distributed to the Parks and Trails e-newsletter group.

**CIP Discussion:** Following the direction provided by City Manager Dahl earlier in the meeting, the Board decided to hold off on Capital Improvements for the short term, until the City Council could better determine impacts to the City budget caused by COVID-19. Showalter asked if the connection from the Children's Garden to the Broadway Avenue stairway could be given higher priority.

**Park Signage:** The group discussed the need for brand consistency, flexibility of design based on the park, style, design, and future maintenance. Babcock, Bader, and Randolph will prepare additional materials for the next meeting.

**Other Business:**

**March Agenda:** Park Signage, Playground, Communications, Revenue Ideas?

**Adjourn:** Babcock moved adjourn at 7:09 p.m., seconded by McWethy. Motion passed 6-0.