

Wayzata Park and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021

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

Staff: Mike Kelly, Director of Public Works, Nick Kieser, New Parks Planner

Absent: (Showalter via phone)

Guests: Ilja Gregor – Pickle Ball, Peter Hitch, Cathy Iverson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Schalkle at 6:03pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve by Schalkle, Seconded by Randolph. Motion was approved 6-0.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Schalkle made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion was approved 6-0.
4. **Public Comments:**
 - a. **Introduction of Nick Kieser.** Nick is a currently an assistant planner for the city, he will continue in that role with some consultant help and assume the new role as Parks Planner and Grant Coordinator. Nick grew up in the area and has a related under-graduate degree for Gustavus and graduate degree from the University of Mn. Nick will be replacing City Engineer Kelly as the staff liaison to the Parks and Trails Board.
 - b. **Pickle Ball – Ilja Gregor** – Ilja is a long- time resident, former member of the U.S. Tennis Association, formerly active in local tennis and is now an active participant and advocate/ambassador for Pickleball. A handout titled Pickleball Fact and Media Sheet was distributed. The following were discussed, the sport of Pickleball, participation by various age groups, high participation by older people, facilities of neighboring communities, potential sites – Bell Tennis Courts, Wayzata Middle School West and necessary improvements to convert a tennis court to multiple Pickle Ball courts. Pickleball is in the Parks and Trails Master plan for 2023. Cost estimates will be obtained in the future.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Playground discussion:** Mike Kelly presented options for a water mister at the beach. Schalkle asked if there is room for a STEM activity table-yes and it will utilize an accessible surface. Randolph made a motion to select the “Spray Way” water mister. Purdy seconded. Motion passed 6-0
 - b. **Bike Rack at beach:** Mike Kelly presented a style of bike rack, proposed location and cost of approximately \$400.00. A motion to approve was made by Randolph. Seconded by Purdy. Motion approved 6-0

- c. **General Discussion Beach Area:** Desire for additional seating, more trees and color scheme of playground area.
- d. **General Discussion of Klapprich Playground Area:** Playground partial sub-group, Schalkle, Purdy, Kelly met with the Contractor/Designer. Items discussed, replacing existing retaining wall with a natural boulder wall, orientation of slide, minimize grading impacts, Westwood Park in St. Louis Park is offered as an example project that is nearing completion, boulder play installations. Schalke asked if ADA parking shown in the Master Plan would be included. Kelly asked the designer to consider climbing/crawling log features. Schalke discussed seeking additional public input. Kelly informs that approval of design will be in November and award of contract in January of 2022.
- e. **Budget Update:** The budget update was included in the meeting packet. A further discussion of boat fees will occur at a city workshop on August 10, 2021. Kelly discussed the CIP sidewalk project on Ferndale. A public question regarding costs of park maintenance, Kelly did not have that information available. Community Education will be asked to present to the board at a future date.
- f. **Platform Tennis:** A general discussion regarding potential sites, Middle School West and Klapprich, add to the next agenda for a status update.
- g. **Panoway Update:** Schalkle – General discussion regarding crowding/overuse, minor vandalism, need for cleaning due to lack of flushing rainfall, and seasonal items such as igloos and snowflakes being overdone.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Community Gardens:** Kelly discussed layout and costs of approximately \$50,000 for soil amendments, water service and fencing for the Middle School location. Individual plots are approximately (15) 18' x 18' plots. A typical annual fee is \$50.00/plot. A motion by Purdy to table and place on the August agenda. Seconded by Babcock. Motion passed 6-0.
- b. **Winter Activity Discussion:** Schalkle discussed a fire pit and added seating at the Margaret Park skating rink, seasonal seating at the beach could be moved for the winter. Other winter activities were discussed.
- c. **Post Office Bike Rack:** Discussed a public request for a bike rack at the Post Office, city right of way is limited/not available. A motion to deny the request was made by Erickson. Seconded by Randolph. Motion denied 0-6.
- d. **Smoking Ordinance:** General discussion of smoking in public parks, monitoring and possible future discussion.

7. **Other Business**

- a. **Determine future Agenda Items:** Playgrounds, Platform Tennis, Panoway, Winter Activities, Community Gardens,

- 8. **Adjournment:** Babcock moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Schalkle. Motion was approved 6-0.