

## **Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Attendees: Chair Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Mary Bader, Jim McWethy, Tyler Purdy, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, and Tory Schalkle.

Staff: Mike Kelly, Director of Public Works

Wayzata Community Ed: Deb Slomkowski, Julie Menk and Jodi Olson

Absent: None

Chair Baasen called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Baasen asked to add Little Beach to New Business. McWethy moved to approve the amended agenda. Randolph seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2020: Bader moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting. Showalter seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Schalkle abstained).

Public Comments: None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Wayzata Community Education Update: Deb Slomkowski described how three days after the WCE catalog came out, programs had to be cancelled due to the Covid crisis. 130 people had already registered for classes in Wayzata on the first three days registration was open. McWethy asked to see a list marked with programs suitable to be online programs or small, in-person classes. Slomkowski said that 2021 programs would be similar to those planned for 2020.

Little Beach etc.: Baasen reported that he had a discussion with Kathy Jones of the city's Energy and Environmental Committee about grants that the committee might seek for a park. Among those discussed were Little Beach and dredging projects such as the pond near the Section Foreman's House. ... Kelly suggested that the Nature Center might be a future environmental grant request. ... Babcock reminded staff that the Reno Street pond is long overdue for dredging. ... Baasen asked whether we would want to put kayaks at Little Beach, which he said is popular and ought to be a higher priority for the board. ... Kelly said the Economic/Energy committee is researching grants.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Signage: The board discussed signage for the parks. Babcock encouraged more discussion on signs, including the ones she designed. Randolph said she would find a graphic designer to create additional sketches, including an image mid-sized sign. Jeff Dahl wants City logo on signs. Still needed: cost estimates on existing design and search firms.

Communications: Kelly announced that the new communications specialist had left and the City is seeking a replacement. Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce will be doing the Portal and weekly updates.

Playground: Kelly suggested that Klapprich Park playground might be more free-play style, more “natural” than “manufactured.” He plans to put a document together to gather information from potential vendors. Showalter and Schalkle will review the document.

Terms expiring: Baasen, Bader, McWethy and Showalter’s terms on board are expiring in December. Baasen asked that the names of candidates be sent to him.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Signage
- Playground update
- Invite Andrew Mullin & Tim McCormick
- Update from Baasen regarding offer to explore environmental grants
- Baasen update from Wayzata Community Ed.
- Revenue discussion (Oct.)

**Adjourn:** Babcock moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Randolph. Motion passed 8-0.