

Park and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 21, 2018

Call to Order: 6:54PM

Attendees: Tyler Purdy, Jim McWethy, Sarah Showalter, Joanie Cunningham, Mary Bader, Chairman Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Randolph, and Mike Kelly from the city.

Minutes from the February meeting motioned and approved by Babcock (motion), seconded by Showalter.

Agenda discussion to add Pickle Ball and Goose deterrent at the beach and on the H dock.
Motion to approve the agenda, Baasen, seconded by Purdy.

Old Business

- a. Update Platform Tennis – Question presented by Randolph as to whether it makes sense to look at the upcoming proposed playground redo in 2020 in conjuncture with the development of the platform tennis site. There have been a few site meetings with the city to discuss options.
- b. Summer Music Series – All four Sundays are booked. Timing of concerts 4:30-5:30 at ‘The Great Lawn’. Bernie King and the Guilty Pleasure June 3rd, Power Balladz (TBD) June 10th, Blue Groove June 17th, and The Wailing Loons June 24th.
- c. Community Education – Kick Off picnic is May 8th at 5-7PM.
- d. Communications Update – We have 118 subscribers. Bader is working on the monthly updates. Discussion on how do we get more people to subscribe? Working on communications with Minnetonka Community Ed and getting the news out to the residence and community of Wayzata.
- e. Maple Tree Tapping program 2018 – It’s been a frustrating year with the weather. Sap is not flowing the way it as in years past. 69 people signed up this year. There were 26 no shows. Reducing is going well and it’s moving along.
- f. Master Plan Process and Meeting Schedule for Feb.-June 2018 – wondering if there are any comments or feedback about the consultant group or the process, next steps? Discussion about stakeholders, members of the community who are interested in taking part in the community’s master plan.

New Business

- a. Big Woods Project Discussion (Borg Babcock). Cargill has approached the city asking how they could get involved and do something in the city. They thought of making a garden and adding pollinating plants at the entrance into the city under the overpass but the timing for the city to prep the area for this spring didn’t work. Instead they are going to help pull Buck Throne and Garlic Mustard as well as fund and plant around 400

native plants. The event will have a lunch and t-shirts for those who participate. This is going to take place on May 5th at the Big Woods in the morning and then lunch will be served afterward.

- b. May 19th Eco Park Event (Showalter). Spring Splash kick off 10AM – 1PM. The spring splash is a Wayzata Lake Effect initiative to create a Lake Exploration Camp for kids. It's an exciting opportunity for the city of Wayzata and they have created partnerships with the YMCA, Wayzata Sailing School, Science Museum of MN, Wayzata Public Schools, DNR, Interfaith Outreach, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Lake Minnetonka Association, University of MN, and more. The event is lake focused and family friendly.
- c. Lake Effect Progress (Showalter) – There has been some more internal organization within the Lake Effect committee. The city has approved a further design phase and more discussion of beginning more fund raising.
- d. Citizen Advisory Group Discussion – Ideas are to be given to Mike Kelly including coming up with names of citizens in the community who may be interested in hosting a meeting in their neighborhood so that members of Confluence, the consulting firm helping with the planning, can come and gather information and people's ideas about the Wayzata Park's Master Plan.

Other Business

- a. Pickle Ball – we currently have 6 courts in the city 2 at Bell Court and 4 at Wayzata West Middle School. Only the courts at Bell Court have the ability to lower the nets. Proposing that we make the courts at the Middle School able to do the same thing.
- b. Goose Droppings – Dori Poles on the H dock, www.doripole.com.

Motion to adjourn by Bader and seconded by McWethy, 8:37