



## Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

**Attendees:** Chair Schalkle, Merrily Babcock, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, Jon Erickson, and Bianca Jensen.

**Staff:** Parks Planner, Nick Kieser

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Amendments were offered to add discussion of Excelsior docks, Spring Splash, Wayzata Boulevard Corridor Study, Beach drainage, Adirondack chairs, and Panoway update. A motion to accept the agenda as amended by Chair Schalkle and seconded by Randolph. Approved 6-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes by Chair Schalkle and seconded by Randolph. Approved 6-0.  
A motion to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes as amended by Schalkle and seconded by Babcock. Approved 6-0.
4. **Public Comments:** The Board greeted new member Bianca Jensen and learned about her interest in serving on the Board.
5. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Memorial Tree Program/Earth Day Tree Giveaway.** Babcock gave an update on the event and passed around draft flyers to promote the event. Promotion of the event will be in the Wayzata Portal, Wayzata Weekly, social media, a Facebook event created, and put up on the website. Babcock noted that flyers will also be passed around local businesses for their customers to see.
  - b. **Maple Tree Tapping.** Babcock gave an update that there have been 30 families that signed up which is a total of 89 people who signed up for approximately 30 available spots. Babcock has helped some of the participants already tap a tree. IDs will be checked at the event to ensure that the equipment will be returned once the tapping is complete.

- c. **Review WSB Proposal for Klapprich Park Design Development and Construction Documents.** Staff reviewed the attached WSB proposal to create a comprehensive plan for Klapprich park with the additions since the previous Board review and discussion. Chair Schalkle and staff noted the potential cost and operations of a more permanent ice-skating rink. The construction of the projects is planned for 2024, but the exact timeline will be reviewed as the comprehensive plan is created. A motion to recommend approval of the WSB proposal as shown by Chair Schalkle and seconded by Erickson. Approved 6-0. Staff noted the proposal will be on the March 21 City Council meeting for their review and approval.
- d. **Recommend Bell Courts Tennis Courts Reconstruction Option.** The Board reviewed the updated Bell Courts concept plan to incorporate four dedicated pickleball courts while keeping two tennis courts which will be discussed at the March 23 Community Open House. The Board noted that they would like to verify there is a western gate to the restroom facilities. Depending on the feedback at the Open House, staff will work on an updated plan with WSB for further review or start creating the construction documents.

## 6. New Business.

- a. **CIP Discussion.** The Board reviewed the upcoming CIP items in the Parks and Trails Fund.
  - i. Board proposed we do not go forward with the following CIP projects:
    - a) Big Woods Trail
    - b) Wayfinding Signage Study – not out of the Parks and Trails funds
  - ii. Board proposed we delay the following CIP projects:
    - a) Locust Hills Park – Identify Future Needs
    - b) Nature Feasibility Study
  - iii. Board proposed we get more insight before spending on:
    - a) Wrought Iron Fence Maintenance

A motion to recommended approval of the items listed above by Chair Schalkle and seconded by Erickson. Approved 6-0.

- b. **Spring Splash.** Showalter asked if the Board would be interested in participating in the Spring Splash event again this year. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Showalter and Jensen noted that they could participate in the event at a Parks and Trails booth. Staff can bring cornhole and any additional materials needed.
- c. **Adirondack Chairs.** The Board stated that they would like to determine how many chairs are currently available and their condition to determine if more need to be ordered. Staff will get this information to discuss at the next meeting.
- d. **Beach Drainage.** The Board discussed the Beach drainage pipe to determine next steps. Jensen noted that the drainage pipe is a significant attraction for the kids to play with so

it should not be removed. Staff will pass along the idea to make the drainage pipe more attractive and to inspect the spray feature when it is turned on.

- e. **Excelsior Docks.** Randolph and staff relayed the information that was provided by the Excelsior City Manger, Kristi Luger. Excelsior generates funding from their docks in a number of ways; meter parking, Duffy Boats, excursion boats, charter boats, and winter storage. With the Panoway project, the Dock Design Working Group is looking into these options to generate funding from the new dock system. The Board noted the interest in a rental boat system, like Duffy Boats, that could be incorporated at the Depot Docks.
- f. **Panoway Update.** Staff stated that construction of Phase II of Panoway will start this summer once all the permits have been received. Construciton is planned to start on the west side and move east toward the Broadway Docks. Construction documents have also been created for the Section Foreman House so once funding has been received, the reconstruction project can start for the House.

## 7. Other Business.

- a. **Communications Recap.** Staff has sent out information regarding the Bell Courts Open House and will continue to promote the event. All Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Open House.

## 8. Adjourn.

Chair Schalkle made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Randolph. Approved 6-0.