

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2019

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Jim Henneberry

Beach & Rec: Pam Greene, Julie Ainsworth

Absent: Ruthanna Terreri, Kristin Wildermann, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

1. Approval of November 28, 2018, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion by Holly to approve minutes. Second by Jim. All in favor.
2. Public Comments –
 - a) Melissa and Mary Toni presented a proposal to install a poetry box at Bauer Park. They provided members of the committee with a picture of what the box might look like and discussed their ideas for how the box would work, e.g. have a poem posted inside the box along with a waterproof notebook and pen for people to write their own poems. Possible locations for a box include at the beginning of the trail over to Polson or near the Woodland Trail. There is a possibility of installing two boxes which will be built by Mary's husband. Mary said she would monitor the box(es) at least every two months. Ann made a motion, seconded by Holly, that the committee accept the offer to build the boxes which would be installed in consultation with the committee. All in favor.
 - b) Laura Pallandra, a Montessori teacher who recently returned to the area, is interested in opening a farm-based school. Since she envisions having livestock as part of the farm, Bauer wouldn't be a suitable location, but committee gave her suggestions for other people/groups to consult.
3. Chairman's report –
 - a) Bathrooms in the classroom building are now locked at night because of vandalism.
 - b) Rob Card is the new Chair of the Beach & Rec. Commission.
 - c) Beach & Rec. Commission meetings will now be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.
 - d) Walter Lippman has offered to donate his tractor to the park. Only qualified people would be able to operate it so it's not clear how useful it would be.
4. Election of Officers – a motion to keep officers the same for the next year was made by Ann, seconded by John. All in favor.
5. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds

- i) some clearing has been done by the town around the hay field.
 - ii) Woodland Trail boardwalk needs repair; beginning of the trail is very swampy and needs more boardwalk sections,
 - iii) A firepit will be constructed near the pavilion. This is an Eagle Scout project.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Nothing to report.
 - d) Gardens Report – several of the fencing rails need to be replaced.
 - e) Education Report –
 - i) Grant funds from the Bauer Trust have not come through yet, but Julie was optimistic that they would be available soon. Programs are still being run with the town covering costs for now.
 - ii) School programs very successful.
 - iii) Julie would like schools to pay for the programs run for students. Perhaps PTOs could chip in on some of the costs, e.g., buses from schools to Bauer Park.
 - iv) Public programs have been slow but should pick up in the spring and summer.
6. Old Business –
- a) Dog Park – John needs better maps of the wetlands before he can stake out the proposed boundaries. It was suggested that both the originally proposed perimeter and the revised perimeter be staked, and two ribbon colors be used to distinguish between them.
 - b) Five-year Report – nothing new to report.
7. Harvest Festival – two meeting dates were set: Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss fundraising, and Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. for general festival planning.
8. House update – nothing to report.
9. New Business – A member of the Beach & Rec. Commission made several edits to the proposed guidelines for memorial trees and benches. Ted will review these and distribute a revised version before the next committee meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jim and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.