

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Subject to Approval

January 25, 2023
Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Chuck Imbergamo, Ann Judd, Kristin Wildermann
Beach & Rec.: Julie Ainsworth
Garden Club: Deidre Batik, Margot Roane
Guests: Kellie Brady (Mad for Trees, Garden Club)
Absent: Jim Henneberry

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:04 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes –Holly moved that the minutes of the December 7th meeting be approved. Ann seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments
 - a) Garden Club
 - i) Deidre and Margot presented a new proposal from the Garden Club to use the space between the barn and the pavilion.
 - ii) The Garden Club has discussed this location with Ellen Van Wees (Farming Project) who agreed with the proposal.
 - iii) The proposal calls for raised beds with fencing similar to the community gardens. The garden would be a historical kitchen garden.
 - iv) In addition the Garden Club would like to use the lean-to for storage and proposed possibly putting a floor in.
 - v) When Holly asked about the Farming Project’s current location being abandoned, Kellie said that possibly Mad for Trees and the orchard project could use that space.
 - vi) Julie supported the proposal saying that it would be good for classes and that the history aspect is in line with curriculum.
 - vii) Ted stated the committee would discuss and respond.
3. Chair’s Report
 - a) Ted presented Tom Cleveland’s report on the orchard in Tom’s absence.
 - i) Tom and Craig Taylor reviewed new tree locations with regard to mowing. Locations are marked with stakes.
 - ii) Holly pointed out that one stake near the star gazing platform needs to be moved.
 - b) The Committee discussed election of officers.
 - i) Ruthanna motioned to re-elect current officers. Ann seconded. All in favor.
 - (1) Chair – Ted Rahmann
 - (2) Vice Chair – Holly Johnson
 - (3) Secretary – Kristin Wildermann

4. Section Reports

- a) Volunteers Coordinator - *nothing to report*
- b) Buildings and Grounds - Holly said that there has been a lot of nighttime activity in the fields. She will discuss with Austin.
- c) Public Relations and Publicity Report
 - i) Ruthanna is still working on a thank you gift for John Paulson.
 - ii) The committee discussed possible candidates for new members.
- d) Community Gardens
 - i) Carrie Gazda is working on new rules for 2023.
 - ii) Chuck will help Holly with managing CG volunteers.
- e) Education Report
 - i) Julie reported the December “Fire By Friction” event was very successful. Eric Becker is interested in doing more activities at Bauer.
 - ii) Julie will talk to Austin about fire safety for the fire pit area.
 - iii) Winter classes have been scheduled. Programs are continuing through end of school year.
 - iv) Julie is hoping to put in a grant to re-instate her paid position.
- f) Garden Club / Farming Project
 - i) Kellie explained that the Garden Club had completed an ARP grant application for the original proposal near the current Farming Project garden.
 - ii) The application was withdrawn after recent vandalism and concerns about cost led Garden Club to explore the proposed new location.

5. Harvest Festival - *nothing to report*

6. Old Business

- a) April 1, 2023 will be both Mad for Trees give away and CG work day
- b) House
 - i) The RFP for exterior work was not successful. One bid was close to the maximum just for a study.
 - ii) The Committee agreed to discuss the house in detail at the next meeting.

7. New Business - *none*

Adjournment

Motion made by Ann to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Ruthanna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wildermann