

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes (Via Zoom)
January 27, 2021

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Laura Becker, Ruthanna Terreri, Ted Rahmann, Kristen Wildermann, Jim Henneberry

Absent: Scot Erskine, Julie Ainsworth, Pam Greene

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes – None needing approval.
2. Public Comments – None.
3. Election of Officers
 - a) Holly nominated Ted to continue as chair for the next year; Ruthanna seconded. All in favor.
 - b) Jim nominated Holly as vice-chair for the next year; Ruthanna seconded. All in favor.
 - c) Ted nominated Ann as secretary for the next year; Ruthanna seconded. All in favor.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds –
 - i) Large branch from the tree next to the well house fell off during a recent storm and damaged the well house. Both the branch and the well house were removed by the town.
 - ii) Large oak by the outdoor classroom suffered damage and will be taken down. Julie Ainsworth would like to have some of the wood saved if possible. Could be used for signs, benches, etc.
 - iii) A number of panels from the greenhouse have been damaged. Approximately 5 have been or will need to be replaced. In addition, the door is out of alignment. Ted will assess whether or not it's worth fixing the greenhouse. Holly pointed out that it is used by several gardeners.
 - iv) Ted reports that funds have been approved for a walkway between the high school and the park.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Laura volunteered to work with Julie and the Facebook page with a focus on photos that have been posted there that could be used for PR for the park.
 - d) Gardens Report –
 - i) Holly is in the process of working with Beach and Rec to review rules for gardeners so that applications can go out in February
 - ii) Although cleanup was not finished in the fall, the gardens were rototilled.
 - iii) Damaged fencing has been repaired/replaced.
 - iv) Apple trees are doing well.
 - v) Brush by east side of teaching garden still needs to be removed and some of the fencing needs to be repaired.
 - e) Educational Report – Fall outdoor classes did go forward but nothing has been done in the schools. Hope that full programming will go forward in the summer and that school programs can be resumed in the fall.

- f) Garden Club – Planting of daffodil bulbs was done as scheduled.
5. Old Business – None.
 6. Harvest Festival – Given the uncertainty around the pandemic, a decision about the festival cannot be made at this time.
 7. House update – Nothing to report.
 8. New Business – Holly has been asked to join the board of the Bauer Charitable Trust. Bob Kuchta has been as well. Consensus was that having someone from the committee on the board is a positive development.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jim and all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Ann Judd, Secretary

Subject to Approval