

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2018

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Sue Stark, Julie Ainsworth, Scot Erskine

Absent: Kristin Wildermann, Jim Henneberry, Ruthanna Terreri

Guests: Ben LeBlanc, Maeve Merkle-Scotland, Brad and Meriam Worzella, Barb Yaeger, Pam Meier

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

1. Approval of January 24, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion by Holly. Second by Sue. All in favor.
2. Public Comments –
 - a) Ben LeBlanc proposed replacing all the benches in the outdoor amphitheater on the Woodland Trail as his Eagle Scout project. The new benches would be centered to overlook the proposed dog park, would be 6’ long, and be made stronger than the existing ones. Holly made a motion to approve Ben’s project; Ann seconded. All in favor.
 - b) Maeve Merkle-Scotland presented her Girl Scout gold award project for the committee’s approval. The project, “Outdoor Exploration” intramural will be a 3-week session for interested students in grades 3-4 at Jeffrey School and will be held at Bauer. The sustainable aspect of the project will be a book created by the participants. Holly made a motion to approve Maeve’s project; John seconded. All in favor.
 - c) Brad and Meriam Worzella attended the meeting to learn about what progress has been made on the dog park. Scot and Ted provided them with information on how things stand to date, and Ruthanna will be given the Worzella’s contact information so that she can follow up with them.
 - d) Barb Yaeger and Pam Meier – Barb presented a detailed site plan for the park to which can be added paths to mow, areas to avoid mowing, etc. Discussion of importance of considering the various needs/uses of the park vis-à-vis mowing followed. Site plan will also be used to indicate locations for future tree plantings and bench installations.
3. Chairman’s report – there are three new members on the Beach and Rec. Commission which will hold its next meeting on March 9.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds – the new bench has been installed and the porch looks great.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report –
 - i) The town website has posted the call for volunteers to work on the Harvest Festival.

- ii) This week's issue of *The Source* will have a picture of maple syruping at the farm on the front page.
- d) Gardens Report – new rules have been put together and will be distributed soon.
- e) Education Report –
 - i) funds from the Bauer grant have finally come through so that Julie is being paid. There is a new committee at Wells Fargo overseeing the trust and this caused the delay.
 - ii) Jane Ash would like to be able to hold story time at the park when the library is closed for renovations.
 - iii) Listings of summer programs will be online soon.
- 5. Old Business –
 - a) Dog Park – Nothing to report.
 - b) 5-year Plan – Weather permitting, we'll start walking the park and setting priorities at the March meeting.
- 6. Harvest Festival –
 - a) Ted and Holly met with Zoe Roos at *The Source* who is writing an article about the urgent need for volunteers to serve on a newly reconstituted Harvest Festival Committee which should appear in this week's issue.
 - b) The next meeting for the 2018 Harvest Festival will be held on March 21.
- 7. House update – the new porch will be painted as soon as weather permits, and the screens will be installed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ann and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.