

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Ruthanna Terreri, Kristin Wildermann

Beach & Rec: Julie Ainsworth

Absent: Jim Henneberry, Scot Erskine, Pam Greene

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

1. Approval of January 23, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Ruthanna to approve minutes. Second by Kristen. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – None.
3. Chairman's report –
 - a) Rob Card has been appointed as the new Chair of the Beach & Rec. Commission. Ted met with Rob and discussed the possibility of the Commission's holding its August meeting at Bauer. The Bauer five-year plan would be presented to the Commission at that time.
 - b) Beach & Rec. might want to move its offices to Academy if/when it becomes a community center. In that case, Beach & Rec would run the center and all its programs would be based there.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) April 6 will be the first work day for gardener volunteers. Ruthanna will be point person.
 - ii) Gate to gardens never got closed during the winter so the road by the gardens is in very bad shape. There have been lots of parties there as well as students using the lot for school parking.
 - iii) The greenhouse will be up and running soon and the screens for the front porch will be installed.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna will contact her Madison Moms group to see if there's any interest in joining the Advisory Committee or volunteering for the Harvest Festival.
 - d) Gardens Report –
 - i) Rototilling will start on March 28.
 - ii) 74 plots out of 160 total have not yet been rented.

- e) Education Report –
 - i) Maple sugaring event was a hit and birding program also ran.
 - ii) Summer camps are online and have been filling up.
 - iii) Grant funds still not officially here but can assume that they will be available soon.

- 5. Dog Park –
 - a) John finally has new wetlands maps and will stake out the boundaries of the dog park as soon as the ground dries out a bit.
 - b) Ruthanna raised the idea of including a solicitation letter in property tax bills which is what Clinton has done. She will discuss with Scot.

- 6. Harvest Festival –
 - a) Planning is off to a good and early start this year.
 - b) Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29 at 7:00 pm.

- 7. House update – nothing to report.

- 8. New Business –
 - a) Paws for Wellness would like to hold a dog walk event at the park in September sometime.
 - b) An Eagle Scout project to redo the benches and install a lectern at the beginning of the woodland trail has been proposed.

- 9. Five-Year Plan –
 - a) Ted asked committee members to think about their visions for the park and shared some of his own: fixing up the house so it could be used for meetings; running tours of the barn and the house; improving access to the covered bridge; cleaning up the woodland trail; bringing chestnut trees back; replanting the orchards; improving walking trails, etc.
 - b) Ted presented a revised version of the Memorial Tree and Bench Guidelines for the committee's approval. Kristen moved that the revised version be accepted; John seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ann to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Holly and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.