

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

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Sue Stark, Julie Ainsworth, Jim Henneberry, Kristin Wildermann

Absent: Ruthanna Terreri, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

1. Approval of February 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion by Sue. Second by John. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – none
3. Chairman’s report – the Beach and Rec. Commission hasn’t been able to meet due to storms.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds –
 - i) Ben LeBlanc’s Eagle Scout project is progressing. The old benches have been removed from the outdoor amphitheater and Ben is working on building the new ones.
 - ii) Storm damage has been heavy on the Woodland Trail. Numerous trees are down, and broken branches are hanging over the trail. It is not clear when the town will be able to work to clear the trail. Possible project for first work day if skilled people can be found to volunteer.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Nothing to report.
 - d) Gardens Report –
 - i) Applications have been sent out to last year’s gardeners. There have been very few issues/complaints and renewals are coming in.
 - ii) Greenhouse will open in the next week or so.
 - iii) Unclear when the gardens will be ready for planting.
 - e) Education Report –
 - i) The adult class on birds was a success although it didn’t fill until the last minute.
 - ii) Summer camps are starting to fill.
 - iii) After-school programs are starting, and school classes will begin at the end of April.
5. Old Business –
 - a) Dog Park – Ted reported that Scot is rethinking the proposed location because of inland wetlands concerns and the distance of the park from where parking will be.

- b) 5-year Plan – No time to discuss because of the extended discussion about the Harvest Festival.
6. Harvest Festival –
- a) Ted reported that the town would be willing to cover up to \$1,000 in festival expenses.
 - b) The Festival Meeting held on 3/26 (postponed from 3/21) brought a few new potential volunteers, but it still isn't clear if there will be enough committed people to go ahead with the 2018 Festival. Holly urged members of the Advisory Committee to reach out to personal contacts to see if we can get more commitments. A final decision about the festival will be made at the next meeting which will be held on Monday, April 23.
7. House update – Nothing to report.

Adjournment

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