

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

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

Beach & Rec: Julie Ainsworth, Pam Greene

Absent: Scot Erskine

Guests: Susanna and Tom Graedel, Laura Becker

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

1. Laura Becker was introduced as a potential committee member. Pam Greene will work with the MDTC to facilitate the appointment.
2. Approval of March 27, 2019 meeting minutes. Ted made one correction to the March minutes – Rob Card was elected, not appointed, as the new Chair of the Beach and Rec. Commission. Motion by John to approve minutes as corrected. Second by Kristen. All in favor.
3. Public Comments – to be presented later in the meeting.
4. Chairman's report – None.
5. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) Scot has arranged for a bathemetric survery to be done on the ponds. The survey will measure how much the ponds have filled in and determine what work needs to be done. The survey will take place the first few weeks of May.
 - ii) Some boardwalks have been installed on the Woodland Trail.
 - iii) Next work day will be held on Saturday, May 4. Ruthanna will be the point person.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna has had a good response from the Madison Moms' Group.
 - d) Gardens Report –
 - i) Water will be turned on shortly.
 - ii) Approximately 100 rails and posts will be replaced. Replacements will be treated to last longer.
 - e) Education Report –
 - i) Grade 2 classes are running; grade 1 classes will run later.
 - ii) Summer camps continue to fill up.

- iii) Bluebird program will be held Saturday, April 27.
 - iv) Grant funds are still not available.
 - f) Dog Park – The wetland maps that John obtained turned out to be very old but should be adequate to allow him to stake out the area.
6. Harvest Festival –
- a) Pam Greene has been working on contacting all last year’s sponsors.
 - b) Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29 at 7:00 pm.
 - c) Considering having a falconer as the main event.
7. House update – see Five-Year Plan.
8. Five-Year Plan –
- a) Susannah Graedel presented a letter she had written to the committee in which she reported an incident of a baby bluebird having partially swallowed a piece of filament fishing line. The hatchling was treated at A Place Called Hope and the story had a happy ending, but Susannah urged the committee to consider prohibiting fishing at any of the park’s ponds. Ted noted that fishing was an approved activity in the original plan for the park. The committee discussed ways to mitigate the possible dangers of discarded fishing line and lures to both wildlife and humans including providing a fishing line disposal box.
 - b) Jim suggested that cleaning out the farmhouse would be an important first step in moving forward with the five-year plan. John added that while cleaning out the house was important, the exterior of the house was more important for the character of the land than what is done with the inside. Perhaps the Madison Historical Society could be involved in thinking about next steps.
 - c) Barn might provide an Eagle Scout project for someone interested in creating a display of the tools we have along with an explanation of how each was used.
 - d) A walk-through of the house and fields will be done at the May meeting.
9. New Business – Members of the Beach and Rec. Commission plan to attend the June meeting.

Adjournment

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