

Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Bauer Park Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
**June 26, 2019**

**In attendance:** Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, John Paulson, Kristin Wildermann, Jim Henneberry, Scot Erskine, Laura Becker

**Beach & Rec:** Julie Ainsworth

**Absent:** Ann Judd, Ruthanna Terreri

**Guests:** Susannah and Tom Graedel

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- 1) No previous minutes due to lack of quorum at May 2019 meeting.
- 2) Public Comments – to be presented later in the meeting.
- 3) Chairman’s report – Scout Projects
  - a) Daniel Chen will research and catalog utensils and tools in the house and barn so that they can be displayed.
  - b) Pavilion area will be patio and fire pit; going through B&R this scout is following existing plans minus the retaining wall.
  - c) Covered Bridge – discussion of how to make it easier to access, one step can be added without a railing.
- 4) Section Reports
  - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
  - b) Buildings and Grounds
    - i) July 13 is next work day. Blueberries and basic maintenance will be the projects.
    - ii) Need to put something around fruit trees to prevent trimming damage – Ted has been researching. Vinegar solution may be a possibility.
    - iii) Scot reported that the bathometric survey to measure how much the ponds have filled is still being planned.
    - iv) Julie asked about mowing because there has been some loss of habitats for snakes and rodents due to mowing. Scot explained they are doing what they can with the plan we have and with the equipment B&R has access to. If an area is let go too long, it can become difficult to reclaim.
  - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – nothing to report
  - d) Gardens Report –
    - i) One gardener disposed of a killdeer nest which has now become a DEEP issue; there may be a fine.

- ii) There have been a few other problems with people planting in the wrong plot, complaints about the gates, etc.
  - iii) Holly pointed out that in the past the gardeners had liked the killdeers. She will try to reactivate the garden committee this summer.
  - iv) Scot asked about the food-share. Julie said she will ask Sue Start for info. Ted said that the Rotary Club had also said they would donate a fridge but it hasn't materialized.
  - v) Approximately 100 rails and posts will be replaced. Replacements will be treated to last longer.
- e) Education Report –
- i) Discussion of Habitat for Exploration grant from Bauer Trust – it has been reduced by half for 2019. Wells Fargo, which holds the trust, is trying to rebuild the principal. No warning of this reduction was given.
  - ii) Laura explained that the Madison Historical Society has had similar issues. She suggested researching other grants, possibly the Madison Foundation.
  - iii) As a result of the reduction, schools will have to help pay for field trips and Julie, as classroom manager, has been in limbo. She has been contacting school principals.
  - iv) Camps are filling up and going well. but classes are sometimes cancelled because people don't register in advance as is stated in the program announcements.
  - v) The camps will make money but Scot explained this cannot go toward instructor salaries.
- 5) Harvest Festival –
- a) Pam Greene has been working on contacting all last year's sponsors.
  - b) Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 8 at 7:00 pm.
  - c) \$3350 has been collected so far from sponsors.
  - d) John needs the cover for the program and poster from Pam Meyer by July 25. Discussion of using a photo if need be.
- 6) House update – Scot will reach out to Travis Gulick. The work is in CIP for 2021, including the ramp, electrical upgrade, insulation and cleaning the clapboards.
- 7) New Business –
- a) Susannah Graedel talked about the step onto the bridge being too high. She uses it for her programs. Scot said part of the complication with a simple fix is that it is an inland wetlands issue.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.