

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2022
Bauer Classroom

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

Beach & Rec.: Austin Hall, Pamela Green, Julie Ainsworth

Absent: Holly Johnson, Ruthanna Terreri

Guests: Tom Cleveland, Kellie Brady – Madison Garden Club, Ellen Van Wees – farming project

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:07 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes –John moved that the minutes of the June 22nd meeting be approved. Jim seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments
 - a) Tom Cleveland gave an update on the apple trees
 - (1) Request to stake the trees and use mesh cages to discourage deer damage
 - (2) Committee has already approved fertilization and liming and this will be done
 - (3) Would like to install pea stone around the trunks to protect from voles
 - (4) Committee has okayed use of neem oil
 - (5) No money is requested for these items
 - b) Committee discussed mesh cages and how to trim grass inside them
 - c) Committee suggested starting with cages for just a few of the youngest trees and possibly installing signage to explain the purpose to the public
3. Chair's Report – Ted reminded the group that the Committee has two vacancies, one from each Party.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – nothing to report
 - b) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) Austin reported that there was a car break-in by the community gardens. A cautionary email was sent to all gardeners
 - ii) Beach and Rec did work on the driveway, filling pot holes with crushed stone.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – nothing to report
 - d) Gardens – nothing to report
 - e) Educational Report
 - i) Julie reported that summer camps are going well despite the heat
 - ii) Julie reminded the group that the boardwalks on the woods trail need work and that there is a broken bench in outdoor classroom.
 - f) Garden Club / Farming Project
 - i) Kellie Brady is the new Garden Club liaison to Bauer Committee.

- ii) There was general agreement on the need for a meeting with representatives from Bauer Committee, Garden Club and Farming Project. Aug 24th at 6 PM was the proposed date and time. Ted will confirm.
5. Harvest Festival – next planning meeting is August 9th.
- a) Austin reported receipt of a donation from Dr. Milner sponsoring apple tasting. Austin has a system to track the fundraising and will keep Committee updated. This info is needed for the program as well.
 - b) Ted reported that Lewis Strauss will do a bee demonstration at the festival.
 - c) The Garden Club will have a presence at the Festival and Kellie will attend the planning meetings.
6. Old Business
- a) Ann inquired about dredging the pond. Austin will look into including it in the next capital plan.
 - b) Julie recommended including a pond expert in any dredging.
7. New Business - *none*

Adjournment

Motion made by Ann to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by John. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wildermann