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 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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