

Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Bauer Park Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
**October 24, 2018**

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

**Beach & Rec:** Scot Erksine

**Absent:** Kristin Wildermann, Julie Ainsworth

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

1. Approval of August 22, 2018 meeting minutes. Two minor corrections were noted: date of concert should have been September 7<sup>th</sup> rather than July; “lie” under Section Reports d) ii) should have been “lieu”. Motion by Jim to approve minutes as corrected. Second by Holly. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – None.
3. Chairman’s report – Nothing to report.
4. Section Reports
  - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Hadar Call did an excellent job recruiting and organizing volunteers for the Harvest Festival.
  - b) Buildings and Grounds –
    - i) A work day may be scheduled for early November.
    - ii) Scot is getting an estimate for the pond dredging.
    - iii) The greenhouse has been closed for the winter but needs to be cleaned out.
  - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna is preparing a press release about the memorial trees and benches for the park.
  - d) Gardens Report –
    - i) All plots must be cleaned out by sundown on the Saturday after Thanksgiving
    - ii) Several rails on the fences are broken and will need to be replaced.
    - iii) Approximately 20-25 gardeners have not yet done their work hours.
  - e) Education Report –
    - i) Scot reported that the grant application to the Bauer Trust grant has been submitted.
    - ii) Kindergarten classes will be coming to the park to pick pumpkins.
5. Old Business –
  - a) 5-year plan
    - i) Ted presented the memorial trees and benches guidelines he’d prepared

- ii) Committee suggested that more specificity was needed regarding the size and variety of some of the trees – holly should be American holly; willow should be weeping willow.
- b) Dog Park
  - i) Scot will oversee getting necessary town permissions once the proposed park has been staked out.
  - ii) John has the wetlands map and will work with Ruthanna first to stake out the boundaries of the wetlands and then stake out the boundaries for the dog park itself.
- 6. Harvest Festival –
  - a) Consensus is that the festival went well despite the less-than-favorable weather and the fact that the Lions Club couldn't provide any food.
  - b) Scot reported that several new members of the Beach & Rec. Commission want to take a more active role in the festival but will need to be trained by Scot first so they will understand how funding for the department works.
  - c) Suggestion was made to get Madison youth groups to take over the festival food preparation/sales as a fundraiser for them with a percentage going to support the park.
  - d) Wrap-up meeting with volunteers will be held on November 5 at 7:00 pm.
  - e) A session to write thank you notes to sponsors will be scheduled for a later date.
  - f) Ann will prepare a Letter to the Editor thanking sponsors to submit to *The Source*.
- 7. House update – funds for house renovations are included in the CIP budget for 2020; funds may also be available from the state.
- 8. New Business – Scot reported that he has approved two Eagle Scout projects: new benches and lectern for outdoor classroom under the oak tree near the woodland trail since the ones that were there have fallen apart; a firepit and patio to be built near the pavilion.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ann and all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.