

City of Waite Park

Park Board Minutes

February 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmitt at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: John Bowden, Wayne Lenzmeier, Jeannie Lodenmeier, Janice Rein, Ken Schmitt, Bill Schluenz

Also present: Landscape Coordinator Russell

Motion to approve agenda by Member Bowden, seconded by Member Lodemeier. Agenda approved.

Motion to approve minutes by Member Bowden, seconded by Member Lodemeier. Minutes approved.

Grants

Member Bowden reported that he is working on one grant at present which would fund the 700 foot section of our portion of the trail.

The plan is to complete the bridge and that section of the Trail this year. Stearns County, St. Cloud, St. Joseph and Waite Park have agreed to pay \$200,000 each for cost of the bridge.

Lake Wobegon Trail

Stearns County is working toward obtaining one property in St. Cloud. They can then proceed with that St. Cloud portion of the Trail. In Waite Park, trees will need to be removed and Member Schluenz said the maintenance department will be working on that whenever they have downtime, working toward the goal of finishing this year.

Amphitheater

Members Schmitt and Lodemeier are on the committee that is meeting to finalize plans for architecture and the promotion of the amphitheater. Member Schmitt reported that they met with a management company that books and promotes venues for other small amps in this area, such as Mankato, etc. Venues would include up and coming acts as well as older ones that would appeal to the middle-age clients.

The second day of meeting was with the architects. The City wants to keep the cost at or below \$7,000,000 and the design needs changes. Costs can be cut by altering the materials used to create the slope needed for the back seats.

Member Schluenz reported that the production company would book 20 acts per season, supervising set-up and take-down. The remainder of the amphitheater time would be up to Waite Park for bookings. The company must know by October to begin bookings for May through September of the next year.

Parking is the big issue as the production company says it should all be within ¼ mile, ½ mile at the greatest. Also, the City is working with the State Legislature for a bonding of \$5,000,000. Hopefully this will happen this year.

Park Updates

Member Schleunz mentioned that there are plans to finish work at the Library. He plans a wall along the north end parallel to 3rd Street North.

Coordinator Russell suggested that we consider Jagellio Park as we look for a site for a community garden. Member Schmitt suggested that raised garden beds might be a good Boy Scout project and could be placed at some of the apartment complexes. Discussion followed. It was decided that a feasibility study should be done.

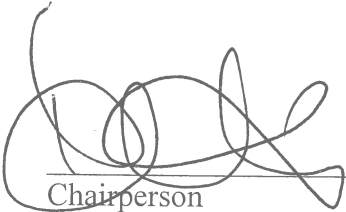
In the Library Garden, Coordinator Russell reported a rabbit was eating the azaleas and Member Schleunz's staff is trapping it for relocation. Also reported was the stress on the trees caused by the concrete parking lots and that we need to be careful to water the trees heavily in order to save them. A volunteer could monitor the watering. The arborvity will need to be taken out and replaced with something else. She had several suggestions for replacement. Discussion followed.

Another suggestion was to place bird houses on the river trail in River's Edge Park. One of the volunteers would make them. This was discussed and will be done.

Other Business

Next meeting will be April 5, 2017.

Member Lodemeier moved that we adjourn. Member Lenzmeier seconded. Motion approved.


Chairperson

05/03/17
Date


Secretary

May 3, 17
Date