

City of Waite Park

Park Board Minutes

April 7, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bowden at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: John Bowden, Wayne Lenzmeier, Janice Rein, Bruce Melin, Bill Schluenz. One chair open.

Motion to approve the agenda by Member Melin, seconded by Member Lenzmeier. Agenda approved.

Motion to approve the minutes by Member Melin, seconded by Member Lenzmeier. Minutes approved.

### **Election of Officers**

Member Lenzmeier moved that Member Bowden remain chairperson. Member Melin seconded. Approved.

Member Lenzmeier moved that Member Melin be Vice-chairperson. Member Bowden seconded. Approved.

Member Melin moved that Member Rein remain secretary. Member Bowden seconded. Approved.

### **Grants**

Member Bowden reported that he is looking at a possible \$20,000 outdoors grant for the Trail.

Member Schluenz reported that the City Council is looking at buying two open lots for sale on 15th Avenue that might give access to the Sauk River and would be part of the Glacial Lakes Trail. A big rock is in the way. Can we go around it?

### **AMP**

Member Schluenz reported that there is continued construction on the AMP – painting, etc., work on railings gates and fencing.

Looking toward opening, there is a Certificate of Occupancy needed. The opening is still ruled by the government. There is a calculator provided to figure how many seats may be occupied. As of the date of this meeting, of 4200 seats, 1200 people could be seated. There is a question as to whether opening now would be profitable. Staff is looking at local events.

Staff are also working on the interior trails. Covid has allowed more time to prepare the AMP for use.

## Landscape Coordinator

Coordinator Russell reported that volunteers are already out working. Randy rebuilt the tiny library box for the Splash Pad. Gary is busy building special flower boxes for the library. Others are cleaning flower beds. St Cloud Pride has called to schedule a time in May.

Karen Justin has donated a ginkgo tree to be planted by the pavilion parking lot.

Meetings have been scheduled monthly at 4:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month, at the pavilion. The plant sale has been scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Member Schluez reported that CentraCare has leased the old maintenance building for the year, displacing its use by Flowers for Waite Park.

## Park Updates

Member Schluez reported that the River's Edge Playground needs to be completely cleaned. The Splash Pad features were taken out, painted, and replaced. Because of Covid guidelines now in place, the Splash Pad may not open this summer. There is a lack of staff to monitor the numbers allowed.

The women's bathroom is now unisex, and the men's is part of the pool maintenance room, which has been expanded to allow a new door and window. This will make changing out tanks easier and keep the room more secure and contained for chemical use, with children running around.

Three Pickle Ball courts are open and the rest will be patched for use. Someone crashed through the courts and damaged the fences, etc. Should be completely fixed soon.

Babe Ruth plans to open under Covid guidelines. All events must be planned and studied by the city attorney before putting into place.

A landscape company has been hired to do the spring cleaning of all the parks.

## Other Business

None

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Member Lenzmeiert moved that we adjourn, Member Melin seconded. Motion carried.

John Benson  
Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Janice Kay Rein Aug 4, 20  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date