

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

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Jim Henneberry, Ruthanna Terreri, Sue Stark, Julie Ainsworth

Absent: Scot Erskine, Kristin Wildermann

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

1. Approval of November 29, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion by Sue. Second by Holly. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – Eric Bernard spoke to the committee about his interest in doing his Eagle Scout project at the park. He suggested two possible projects: adding steps to the bridge over the pond so it would be easier to access the bridge; rebuilding the small stage. Other suggestions from committee members included creating a way to provide shade for kids working at the Farming Project or building boardwalks for the beginning of the woodland trail where it gets muddy. Eric will think about his project and get back in touch when he has a more definite proposal to present to the committee.
3. Election of officers – Sue made a motion to keep the current slate of officers (Ted Rahmann, President, Holly Johnson, Vice President, and Ann Judd, Secretary) for the next year. John seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Chairman's report –
 - a) The town is in the process of rebuilding the front porch of the house. The new porch will have removeable screens.
 - b) During the cold spell at the beginning of the month, pipes in the house burst resulting in 8" of water in the basement. The basement has been pumped out and dehumidifiers are being run to help dry things out.
 - c) Interest has been expressed by someone who would like to have a bench installed near the pond.
5. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteer Coordinator Report – Nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – *The Source* may run a picture from the "Calling Owls in Your Backyard" event on 1/22 which was very well attended.
 - d) Gardens Report – not much happening but there was a report of some fabric still remaining on one of the plots.

- e) Education Report – funds from the Bauer grant have not been awarded yet so Julie is not being paid. The funds should have come through by January 1, but a different person may be administering the grant for the bank. Programs that can fully fund themselves can go forward, but other programs like classes for school groups are funded by grant money and cannot.
6. Old Business –
 - a) Dog Park – Ruthanna met with Scot regarding the park. The holdup in moving forward is getting the town engineer to stake out the park so an estimate of fencing costs can be made. A concert featuring the band Rubix Kube to benefit the “Bark Park” is planned for September.
 - b) 5-year Plan – Nothing to report.
 7. Harvest Festival –
 - a) Ted, Holly, and Bruce Joselyn met with Scot to discuss the future of the festival. It was agreed that the festival should go forward if volunteers other than advisory committee members can be found to take on major responsibilities.
 - b) The first meeting for the 2018 Harvest Festival will be held on February 21.
 - c) A flyer has been created asking for volunteers. This will be posted around town and given to local groups that might be sources of new volunteers.
 8. House update – With the exception of the porch work, there’s nothing new to report.
 9. Benches for the park – as with trees, Scot will take care of ordering new benches as requests come in; the committee will decide where the benches should be placed.
 10. Long-range Plan – Ted distributed a spreadsheet listing projects for the park with proposed timelines. Committee members will review and make a list of their priorities. Whole committee will discuss at the February meeting.
 11. New Business – Julie reported that Maeve Merkle-Scotland plans to do her Girl Scouts Gold Award project at the park. Maeve will attend the February meeting to present her project.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sue and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.