

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022
Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ted Rahmann, John Paulson, Ann Judd, Kristen Wildermann

Absent: Jim Henneberry, Laura Becker, Ruthanna Terreri

Beach & Rec.: Austin Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes – Kristen moved that the minutes of the January 26 meeting be approved; John seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – None.
3. Chair's Report – Ted reported that public meetings are now being allowed again. He distributed the new format for meeting agendas and minutes. Informal discussion of whether the committee wanted to start meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was general agreement, though no formal vote, that the committee did not want to do so.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds –
 - i) Austin reported that the walkway from the park to the high school is almost done. Rails need to be installed and the walkway needs to be made accessible.
 - ii) A panel blew out of the greenhouse.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – nothing to report.
 - d) Gardens –
 - i) Applications for the 2022 growing season have been sent out. There have been a few problems with gardeners who can't renew, for the most part because they didn't do their fall cleanup.
 - ii) Holly still plans to organize a committee of interested gardeners.
 - e) Educational Report – Austin reported on Julie Ainsworth's behalf
 - i) Six maple sugaring classes are being offered; all are full.
 - ii) Summer classes are filling up.
 - iii) Jeffrey School will resume coming to the park in the spring.
 - iv) Farming Project is not happening.
 - v) Julie asked that the fire pit be checked on a regular basis for trash and broken glass.
 - vi) Austin will apply for a Bauer Grant (deadline is March 18) of \$5,000.
 - f) Garden Club – nothing to report.
5. Harvest Festival – Ted asked that a schedule be set for regular meetings and suggested getting together for 30 minutes before each monthly committee meeting. No formal vote, but general agreement on this.

6. Old Business – Beehive location possibilities: by shed and old community gardens; east slope of the farming project; northwest of the farming project; or the southeastern corner of the community garden plots.
7. New Business – Ted reported that there is a person who would like to donate a memorial bench to the park. Austin said the total cost including shipping, a plaque, and installation would be \$1,820. Ted and Austin agreed that if any plantings are installed around the bench, maintenance would need to be done by the donor rather than the town.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by John. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Judd

Subject to Approval