

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ted Rahmann, John Paulson, Ann Judd, Kristen Wildermann, Jim Henneberry, Laura Becker, Ruthanna Terreri

Beach & Rec.: Austin Hall, Pamela Green, Julie Ainsworth

Guests: Deirdre Badik, Margot Roane, Jane Stegina, and Philippa Mannino, Garden Club of Madison

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:04 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes – John moved that the minutes of the February 23 meeting be approved; Ted seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – Garden Club of Madison
 - a) The GC presented a detailed proposal to occupy, improve, and maintain the front half of the former “Farming Project” area.
 - b) The proposal raised several questions/issues
 - i) How could school classes that have used the area in the past be accommodated?
 - ii) What would happen to the back half of the area? Would someone maintain it or would it be left to revert to grass?
 - iii) Austin stated that a proposed shed and patio area would need approval from not only the Bauer Advisory Committee but also from the Advisory Committee for Community Appearance and from Planning & Zoning.
 - iv) Several committee members raised concerns about the fact that the park is town land and must remain open to all.
 - c) No formal motion was made because the proposal had not been a specific agenda item. Club members will attend the April meeting at which time a formal motion can be made.
3. Chair’s Report – Ted indicated that he would not be able to attend the April 27 meeting and asked the committee if the meeting should be rescheduled to April 26. Meeting will be rescheduled and will, therefore, need to be a special meeting rather than a regular meeting.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – nothing to report.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds – Austin reported that the walkway from the park to the high school is being used even though it is not completely finished.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – it was suggested that Ruthanna write an article on the beehives coming to Bauer and interview Lewis Strauss for the article.
 - d) Gardens –
 - i) Gardens are open and consensus is that the rototilling was great.
 - ii) The first workday of the year will be held on April 2. Ruthanna will fill in for Holly who is not available on that date.

- e) Educational Report –
 - i) Julie reported that spring classes are underway and that the maple sugaring classes were very successful.
 - ii) An after-school club has been started and will meet on Wednesdays.
 - iii) School groups will begin coming to the park in the near future.
 - f) Garden Club – See Public Comments.
5. Harvest Festival – The first meeting for the Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom.
6. Old Business –
- a) A memorial bench will be donated and installed on the top of the knoll behind the butterfly garden.
 - b) There have been two requests for memorial trees. The general consensus of the committee was to focus on fruit trees for areas that used to have them, e.g., along the road going up to the community gardens.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Kristen. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Judd, Secretary