

Bauer Park Committee

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Bauer Park Classroom

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

1. Attendance

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Jim Henneberry, Chuck Imbergamo, Ann Judd, Kristin Wildermann

Beach & Rec.: Austin Hall

Guests: Kellie Brady (Mad for Trees and Garden Club), Pam Green (Harvest Festival)

Absent: Ruthanna Terreri

2. Approval of minutes

Approval of meeting minutes –Ann moved that the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting be approved. Chuck seconded. Approved

3. Public comments

none

4. Chair's comments

Ted discussed updating the Bauer Committee organizational chart.

1. Buildings and Grounds – Holly, Jim, Chuck
2. Community Gardens – Holly, Chuck
3. Harvest Festival – Holly, Ted
4. Education Coordinator – Kristin
5. Publicity/Public Relations - Ruthanna
6. Volunteer Coordinator – *vacant*

5. Section Reports

1. Volunteers Coordinator – *nothing to report*
2. Buildings and Grounds
 - a. Chuck reported a tree down on the woodland trail
 - b. Austin reported that Beach and Rec repaired the bluebird boxes
 - c. Holly suggested the committee make plans for planting along the former Davis property where the land has been cleared and construction is visible

3. Public Relations and Publicity Report - The committee discussed trying to get an article about the festival in the Source and possibly an interview.
4. Community Gardens
 - a. All plots are in use.
 - b. Fewer people have been driving into the garden area.
 - c. Next volunteer work day is June 3rd.
5. Education Report - In Julie's absence Kristin gave her report
 - a. All first grade classes came to the Park and studied the beehives and ponds
 - b. Several preschool classes coming as well.
 - c. Austin reported that he secured and \$8k grant from the Bauer Trust. This is more than last year but \$3k.
6. Garden Club / Farming Project
 - a. Kellie reported that the Garden Club is back to planning for Farming Project location.
 - b. The plans call for raised beds, a pollinator perimeter pathway, irrigation to be brought to the area, and care of the area by the Garden Club for 5 years.
 - c. The plans also call for a 12'x18' pavilion and 12'x12' shed that would be used by Garden Club, orchard volunteers and bee volunteers. The Garden Club hopes shed and pavilion will be paid for by the town.
 - d. Austin clarified that Bauer Committee has no budget and any funding for this project would have to be included in future year town budget and spending plans.
 - e. The Committee will discuss further.
7. Harvest Festival
 - a. Pam pointed out that there will no longer be Covid money for the festival so more funds will have to be raised than in past couple of years.
 - b. The Committee discussed applying for grants specifically for the Festival.
 - c. The next Harvest Festival sub-committee meeting will be June 21st at 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

6. Public comments

none

7. Adjourn

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

ADJOURNMENT

