

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022
Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ted Rahmann, John Paulson, Jim Henneberry, Ruthanna Terreri, Julie Ainsworth, Kristin Wildermann

Absent: Ann Judd

Guests: Pam Gallagher – Madison Garden Club

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:08 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes –John moved that the minutes of the May 25 meeting be approved. Jim seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments
 - a) Orchard
 - i) Ted presented email comments from Tom Cleveland. The Committee agreed that vole guards could be placed on the trees. It was agreed that the other two suggestions – placement of pea stone around the trees and staking of the trees – required Beach and Rec input and would be discussed further with Austin Hall.
 - ii) Pam Gallagher reported that the Garden Club was working with Tom on the orchard as well as with Ellen van Wees on the Farming Project revitalization.
 - b) Farming Project/Garden Club
 - i) Ted presented email comments from Deidre Prisco of the Garden Club. In response to her suggestion of a 50/50 split in financing Ted explained that Bauer Park has no budget and thus no funds to contribute.
 - ii) Pam stated that the Garden Club has been working with Ellen van Wees and said that she sees overlap in goals since the Garden Club also an educational component.
 - iii) Julie reported email comments from Ellen including her recommendation to save money by repairing the current fence instead of installing a new one.
 - iv) There was general agreement a water line needs to be brought to the site from the irrigation pond but it is unclear what the town's role in this could be.
 - v) Pam stated that eventually the Garden Club will need some specifics on costs to make decisions.
 - vi) It was agreed that a subcommittee will meet to discuss the project. The tentative date is July 26 at 7 PM. Ted will confirm that Austin and Ellen can both attend before confirming.
 - c) Mad for Trees
 - i) Mad for Trees will be giving away trees in September. They have requested to run this event at Bauer Park on September 17.
 - ii) There was general agreement that this event could proceed at Bauer.

3. Chair's Report – Ted reported that Dave Larocca donned a protective suit and removed poison ivy around the property.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – nothing to report
 - b) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) There is a proposed donation of a martin house. Holly will check with Susannah to make sure there are no conflicts with existing birds at Bauer before it's installed.
 - ii) Holly also reported on the beech blight that is killing trees in the area.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna reported that an article appeared in The Source about the bee project.
 - d) Gardens – Holly reported that all is going well. Next work day is July 9.
 - e) Educational Report - Julie reported that summer camps are underway.
 - f) Garden Club / Farming Project – *discussion occurred under public comments*
5. Harvest Festival - Ted reported Rich Scully will be able to help.
6. Old Business
 - a) There has been a request for a memorial bench. Ted will respond.
 - b) The Committee agreed to add flowering dogwoods and willows to the list of approved species for memorial trees
7. New Business - *none*

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by John. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wildermann