

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022
Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Jim Henneberry, Ann Judd, Ruthanna Terreri ,
Kristin Wildermann

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

Garden Club: Kellie Brady – Madison Garden Club

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:17 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes –Ann moved that the minutes of the July 27th meeting be approved. Ted seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments - none
3. Chair’s Report – none
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator
 - i) The committee discussed volunteer signups for the festival.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) Ted gave a reminder about the broken bench near the outdoor classroom
 - ii) Julie noted a missing board on the small boardwalk on the far side of the pond, and gave a reminder about the classroom door needing attention. She also noted there is a mailbox that was discarded in the pond that needs to be removed.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report
 - i) Discussion of publicity for Festival
 - (1) Ruthanna said that there will be no banner this year. The Source is doing an article
 - (2) Austin will make sure notice about Festival is included in MPS Backpack Express notifications.’
 - (3) Austin will put the A frame sign about the festival out on the green and Ted will put the other one in North Madison.
 - (4) Ruthanna will put up posters in downtown businesses.
 - ii) The group discussed writing a letter to the editor at The Source, thanking John Paulsen for his many years on the Committee.
 - d) Gardens
 - i) Holly reported gardeners are starting to do their cleanouts.
 - ii) There is a compost pile that needs to be cleaned up before the festival.

- e) Educational Report
 - i) Julie reported that both home school and after school programs are going well.
 - ii) Ryerson and Jeffrey students will do field trips to Bauer in Spring 2023.
 - iii) Second graders may help with the Farming Project during Fall 2023.

- f) Garden Club / Farming Project
 - i) *Note: prior to the meeting Committee members and Farming Project and Garden Club representatives met to look at the location and discussed moving forward with a cooperative effort to improve the area so that it can be used by Farming Project and the Garden Club for educational purposes. There was general agreement on moving forward to make more specific plans for the cleanup and redesign of the space.*
 - ii) Kellie reported that the Garden Club will have a presence at the festival and will be handing out bulbs.
 - iii) Austin explained how Garden Club members can potentially make donations earmarked for Bauer Park.

- 5. Harvest Festival
 - a) Ted is confirming with both fire departments in town and with the Exchange Club.
 - b) Scarecrow clothing collect is going well.
 - c) Austin shared the current financial statement for the festival.
 - d) Tents are scheduled for delivery on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 1pm.
 - e) The group agreed to hold a final festival preparation meeting on Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7 PM.

- 6. Old Business
 - a) Ted said that plans for eventual work on the house at Bauer Park are resuming.
 - i) Phase I will be work on the outside of the house, including lead remediation.
 - ii) Austin explained there is \$225k in the account for the work on the house.
 - iii) The focus will be to get the outside of the house looking better first and then addressing indoor projects with any leftover funds.
 - b) Ted reported that the Santoro family will be planting a memorial sugar maple and the committee needs to settle on a place for planting.

- 7. New Business - *none*

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wildermann