

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

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

Beach & Rec.: Austin Hall

Absent: Julie Ainsworth, Pam Greene

Guests: Don McGregor, Chuck Imbergamo

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes – Jim moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved; John seconded. All in favor.
2. Public Comments – Chuck Imbergamo and Don McGregor addressed the committee about their concerns regarding mowing and its impact on bird habitat. They explained the importance of the park for numerous species of birds. Committee members explained the need for mowing, especially along the perimeters to control invasives. John and Jim are working on a mowing plan that might include cutting back the edge every two years. They invited Chuck and Don to provide input as the plan is developed.
3. Harvest Festival – Austin reported that this year’s festival was “a massive success”.
 - a) Expenses to date are \$5,000 which does not include Guilford Rental. \$450 was brought in in donations and another \$2,000 was donated at the gate.
 - b) Madison Hose made a lot of money selling food and would be interested in being part of next year’s festival.
 - c) The Boy Scouts made around \$1,000 selling popcorn.
4. Section Reports
 - a) Volunteers Coordinator – none.
 - b) Buildings and Grounds – none.
 - c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna has been in touch with a new reporter at *The Source* who wants stories about the park. She will pursue this.
 - d) Gardens – rototilling will be done after gardens have been cleared out.
 - e) Educational Report – Julie reports that classes are going well and that she’ll be going into the schools to present programs.
 - f) Garden Club – more daffodil bulbs have been purchased to be planted along the stonewall. If possible, the club would like the town to help with the planting in November.
5. Old Business – Tree planting.
 - a) John has a map of the property which he will scan and then provide copies to committee members. Committee will designate places for new trees to be planted.
 - b) Priority for planting will be given to replacing trees that have been lost.

6. House update – will be going out to bid in November. The RFP is basically the plan that Scot Erskine put together.
7. New Business –None

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Laura. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Ann Judd

Subject to Approval