



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28,
2022**

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - August 24, 2022
3. Presentation - None
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Update on Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail
 - B. Lyndale Trail Update
 - C. Waupacuta Playground Update
 - D. Disc Golf Course Update
7. New Business
 - A. New Community Center Timeline
 - B. Pollinator & Bee Gardens - Environmental Commission
 - C. Hero Banners
 - D. Custodial Position
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sara Caron, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Fuchs. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUESTS: Joe Martin.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:01 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Sally to approve minutes of April 27, 2022. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: Joe Martin presented information about disc golf and his recommendation to redesign and update the disc golf course at Wapacuta Park. Joe is a professional disc golfer and moved to Faribault approximately a year ago. He is proposing to increase the course from 9 holes to 18 holes, incorporate some fun aspects, maximize the angles and make it safer. He also suggested adding signage, a map and a lost & found box. Cement tee pads could be added in the future once the layout is determined to be good. Joe included some "signature hole" ideas as well to make it memorable to the players. He indicated some holes could use the same baskets so we would only need 10 baskets for 18 holes. Joe stated another goal is to make the course challenging but also good for the beginner golfer. Joe volunteered to help with the updates and with maintaining the course as well. Costs for the signage and concrete would be minimal with the assistance of the Parks Department. Baskets are in good shape except one needs repairing and the city would need to purchase only one additional basket. Paul stated he had spoken with Keith Walker, Parks Superintendent, and they're open to improvements as nothing has been done with the course since 2005. Board thanked Joe for the recommendations and presentation. Paul stated he will contact Joe to proceed. Joe thanked the Board for their time. Motion was made Lola, seconded by Mike to work with the Parks Department to redesign and update the disc golf course at Wapacuta Park as presented by Joe Martin. Motion passed.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Board Member Recognition: Paul thanked Henry for his service on the Board and presented him with a sweatshirt. Henry is leaving in the fall for college.
 - b) State Amateur Baseball Tournament: The State Amateur Baseball Tournament went very well the first weekend. The tournament will be held the next two weekends as well. Paul stated Bell Field looks great and invited all to get out to see it.
 - c) Free Friday Open Gym: Kevin and Chad are working to offer free Friday open gym again. They have been awarded an Ignite Grant to fund supplies such as basketballs and a video gaming system and the Rotary has agreed to fund 1,000 admissions.
 - d) Water Breaks: Paul reported there were water breaks near the aquatic center and by North Alexander softball fields 5 and 6. The Parks Department is working with the Water Department to locate and repair the breaks.
 - e) Divine Mercy Development Parkland Dedication: Paul presented a map of the Divine Mercy Catholic Church Addition showing its parkland dedication. In September, Paul will ask Council when the city wants to take ownership of the parkland. Mike asked how far the parkland is from Bluebird Park. Paul stated it is about 300 yards. In the

2007 plan, the parkland is located in the northeast corner of the addition and is approximately 12.7 acres. It does have a slope and may incorporate a sledding hill. The new school will be attached to the south side of the church and it will have a playground.

5) Requests to be Heard: None.

6) Old Business:

- a) Discussion on Pickleball Proposal: Staff conducted a survey to determine if the pickleball players wanted to play at the armory or at the Community Center. The survey determined, by a 2 to 1 vote, that players preferred to play at the Community Center. This is partly due to a higher cost of playing at the armory.
- b) Update on Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail: Nothing new to report.
- c) Lyndale Trail Update: Paul stated the Lyndale Trail construction has started.
- d) Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Ribbon Cutting: Paul reported the dedication of the park went very well and Lola did a great job speaking on behalf of the Board.

7) New Business:

- a) New Community Center Discussion: Paul informed the Board he is presenting a timeline of construction of a new Community Center to City Council on September 20. The earliest to hold a public vote on this would be Fall 2024. A location still needs to be determined for a new center.
- b) Wapacuta Playground Options: Paul presented the options for a new playground at Wapacuta Park. After discussion, the Board agreed on Option 3 with a house in place of the lemonade stand if it is within budget.
- c) Discussion on Pollinators, Bee Gardens – Environmental Commission: The Environmental Commission would like to meet with the Parks and Recreation Board. Paul has been meeting with both the pollinator and bee garden groups and each group has a different suggestion on what to plant in an area near the trail and 2nd Street. The pollinator group would like to plant flowers and the bee garden group would like more of a ground cover. Board discussed and agreed that the flowers would attract bees as well as other insects. Board also suggested designating planting areas for each group.

8) Other:

- a) Meadows Park Basketball Court: Sally asked about getting a basketball court at Meadows Park. Paul said that is a consideration but nothing has been decided at this time.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, September 28, at Buckham West.

10) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Henry to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant