

**City of Bayfield
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
March 3, 2021**

Chairwoman Kichell called the meeting to order at 7:30am via GoToMeeting

Roll Call: Kate Kichell, Matt Carrier, Diane Fizell, Skye Bingham, Keith Ray

Others: Gordon Ringberg—Mayor, Billie Hoopman—City Clerk, Tom Kovachevich—PWD, Sarah Mather—Office Assistant, Rob and Lynn Riemer, Paul Swensen, Eric Iverson, Jeff B.

Approve Agenda: Carrier/ Bingham. Carried.

Minutes from Special Budget Meeting on February 26, 2021: Carrier/Ray. Carried.

Public Input:

- Rob and Lynn Riemer expressed concerns about not allowing renewal of contracts on Washington Ave. Lake Access for private business use.
- Paul Swensen expressed concerns about a multitude of plans that he feels have not been updated.
- Eric Iverson expressed concerns about not allowing renewal of contacts on Washington Ave. Lake Access for private business use.

Agenda

Permit Applications and Public Requests:

- Sally Perkins Bench—Should recognize the bench as an individual project from the Waterfront Walk to the extent that there is adequate funding for the Waterfront Walk. Proceed specifically with a memorial bench and if funding can support the idea of a platform overlook to put the bench on, then it will be included in the walkway renovation.

DRAFT Outdoor Recreation Plan Revision:

Carrier motioned to removed “don’t renew or sign new contracts with private businesses for use of beach property” from the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Fizell seconded. Carried.

- Spreadsheet of all public and committee comments included in the packet. Reviewed each comment individually.
 - Idea of having a cohesive Waterfront Walk while still recognizing individual parks internally.
 - Idea of more wayfinding and interpretive signage along the Waterfront Walk, East Dock Park, and the Big Ravine.
 - Idea of a dog park in the City of Bayfield. Discussion ensued. Recognize that this would be a benefit to the community that we can look at later in the Comprehensive Plan but understand that the City of Bayfield does not have the resources or capacity to take this on currently.
 - Remove connecting City sewer to Dalrymple from the plan due to cost and feasibility.
 - Keep fishing pier at East Dock Park under the purview of the Harbor Commission
 - Add more trials under Big Ravine action item list.
 - Revision of the 120-acre plan in the future.
 - Kovachevich noted to remove trailhead from Sweeny Ave and make it a trail access.
 - Idea of pickleball courts in the City—currently no space or resources for that.
 - Explore idea of kayak transfer station?
 - Encourage and explore equity of beaches—handicap accessibility.
 - Kitchell will work on language, incorporating it into the plan, and bring another version back to the committee. Hopefully have final draft by April to recommend to the Planning Commission and Council.

Standard Update Reports:

1. Budget/Finance: Informational.
2. Big Ravine Preserve/Iron Bridge: None
3. Cooper Hill Park: None

4. Dalrymple Campground: None
5. East Dock Park: Between now and next meeting potential for cleanup work—utilize BATS volunteer list
6. Halvor Reiten Park: None
7. Turning Point Fountain: None
8. Washington Ave. Lake Access (& restrooms on Front St.): None
9. Waterfront Walking Corridor (Jake’s Park, Memorial Park Annex): None

Other Parks/Trails Reports (if any):

1. Hillside Park (Baseball Field, School Garden): None
2. Soccer Field: None
3. Fountain Park: None
4. Korseberg Park: None
5. Bayfield Area Trails: None
 - a. Brownstone Trail

Launching a Green Infrastructure Program: MetroBloom training on rain gardens and having a potential demonstration in a City park.

COVID-19 Report & Discussion: Clerk Hoopman noted the Parks and Recreation Committee needs to decide if they’d like to hire back the Park/ Harbor seasonal park attendant. Will be discussed at the next meeting

Ongoing Business:

- Comp. Plan Monitoring Report and CIP feedback: Delivered by Kitchell to Billie Hoopman as requested
- Letters requesting permission for non-motorized trail access across 2 parcels of private property located west of N. Broad St.
 - Kitchell informed committee of “Berry Picking” statue stating that protects landowners from liability of public using their property for recreational activities. Can the City be liable for directing them across the property?
 - Response from Luci Daum asking if the City would like to purchase the property. Would she consider it a donation? Request Council to grant permission to ask for a donation. Alternative route available if need. **Motion to have Kitchell and Carrier work together to prepare a briefing paper and a request for approval from Council to respond to Sara Daum with the option of donating the property. Fizell/Bingham. Carried.**

Next Meeting: April 1, 2021 7:30 am

Adjourn: 9:13 am Fizell/Ray. Carried.