



## PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2025

**Call Meeting to Order:** The Baldwin Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Zac Good at 7:01 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Zac Good, Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Committee members Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, and Lester Kriesel.

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Under New Business add:

C. Trail Cameras at Young Park

D. Discuss increase in park rental fees

E. Discuss designated parking at the Elk Lake rain garden.

Under old business add discuss having a separate volunteer committee for FunFest.

***Mary Larson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

### **Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2025:**

***Sarah Koste made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as written. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**PLAT:** None

**Tabled Items:** None

### **New Business:**

#### **Trail Markers/Trail Signs at Young Park**

The trail signs at Young Park are outdated. There were more trails created since the signs were made and they state Baldwin Township on them.

Robb Rydmark asked if the city's sign machine could make these signs. Zac Good stated no, the sign machine only makes street signs.

Robb Rydmark suggested reaching out to Minuteman. Zac Good suggested Jellyfish graphics. Tom Rush suggested M&R Sign.

Sarah Koste stated there needs to be a mark up of the current trails before we can get quotes. Tom Rush stated HR Green had one that was sent for the wetland delineation.

Zac Good stated that the park currently has 4 signs. We would need a total of 7 signs.

Robb Rydmark suggested having a "you are here" pinpoint on each sign.

Mary Larson asked what size the current trail signs are. Zac Good stated they are approximately 10x18.

Tom Rush suggested sending the HR Green map and the measurements to Minuteman, Jellyfish, and M&R sign to see what each company could offer and bringing that information to the August 21, 2025 Park Committee meeting.

### **Purchasing Trash Cans for Parks**

Zac Good proposed putting a trash can out at Sandy Lake Beach. The current trash cans at Young Park work great and he is proposing to order the same ones. The proposed trash cans start out at \$339 each plus shipping.

Tom Rush suggested taking one of the metal trash cans from Young Park and putting it at Sandy Lake. Public Works can watch how much use this trash can gets before purchasing more durable cans. The Park Committee can look at purchasing bulk at a later date to update the other trash cans at Young Park.

***Mary Larson made a motion to recommend approval to purchase a metal trash can and necessary materials for Sandy Lake Beach up to \$100. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

### **Trail Cameras at Young Park**

Young Park has been vandalized multiple times over the past few weeks. The last incident included someone disconnecting a picnic table that was attached to a tree and throwing it into the marsh off the boardwalk. It may be time to consider cameras at Young Park.

Zac Good stated trail cameras are an option; however, they need to be triggered for them to work. There is an option to have a trail camera attached to a cell phone. Zac Good stated there is also an issue with the positioning of each camera. Mary Larson stated Walmart has a few good options for trail cameras.

Zac Good stated there is another option to get a larger security camera system, however there is no internet out at the park and a lot of options have wiring.

Tom Rush stated another option could be to hire a security company to set up a system for us.

Sarah Koste asked about purchasing internet from a cell phone company to install at the park. Zac Good stated the signal isn't the best at the park, but it could be an option.

The Park Committee looked through trail cameras on amazon.

***Lester Kriesel made a motion to recommend approval to purchase trail cameras and hardware for up to \$500. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

#### **Discuss an increase in park rental fees**

Young Park rental fee is currently \$75 for four hours and \$125 for 8 hours. Tom Rush asked if the Park Committee would consider raising the rental fees at Young Park. Deputy Clerk, Kayla Nielsen, looked into other communities' rental fees and the surrounding cities match our current rental fees. Sarah Koste recommended not changing the fees due to the only amenity being the pavilion.

#### **Discuss designated parking at Elk Lake Rain Garden**

A resident had a concern about parking around the rain garden and vehicles blocking the public access. They requested no parking signs be put up in the area. Zac Good stated there are no restrictions on street parking during this time of year, however there is no designated parking at the Elk Lake Rain Garden. This area also has a lot of run off and it would be hard to make parking spaces.

Zac Good stated that the road in this area is only 40 feet across and street parking does make it hard for other vehicles to drive through. Mary Larson stated that parking on the street could be an issue if a Fire Truck needed to get through.

Zac Good suggested the Park Committee complete a site visit to the area at the August 21, 2025 meeting to come up with options for a solution.

#### **Old Business:**

### **Baldwin FunFest Update/Separate Committee**

Mary Larson stated she spoke with a few residents about volunteering for FunFest and they asked if the volunteers are a separate committee. Mary Larson asked the Park Committee if it would be appropriate to start a separate volunteer committee since FunFest is growing. Tom Rush suggested adding this to the August 4, 2025 City Council meeting.

Mary Larson updated the Park Committee on Baldwin FunFest. FunFest is a month away. Mary Larson did a walkthrough at the Eternity Church grounds to finalize set up areas. FunFest is still under the allotted budget and \$2,200 has been spent on the \$4000 budget. Vendor emails went out last week. FunFest signs have been put up around Baldwin.

### **Sandy Lake Beach Update**

Cattails were removed at Sandy Lake Beach. Public Works cleaned up the beach and added sand. The buoys were installed by Sherburne County on July 3, 2025.

**Comprehensive Plan:** None

### **Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:**

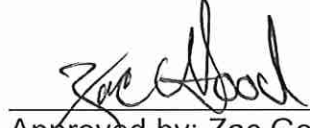
Tom Rush stated that the PYSBA is almost done using the fields at Young Park. The City Council approved Sandy Lake and Lake Diane for the stormwater project. This will address the draining issues around those lakes.

**Other Business:** None.

### **Adjourn Meeting –**

***Mary Larson made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 9:03 pm. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

  
Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

  
Approved by: Zac Good  
Chair

8.21.25  
Date

Attendees: Alternates Rosie Walker and Jackie Faddler, and Council Member Alan Walker