

**MINUTES  
PARK & TREE BOARD**

**JANUARY 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Jung at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Jean Soine, John Wimmer, and Matt Dickhausen. Absent were Nancy Ellis, Christy Flugga, and Len Gilmore. Advisory members present were Renee Eckerly, Ron Mergen, and Lee Schleper.

**Motion was made by Soine to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2011 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Dickhausen and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Wimmer to elect the following:**

**Matt Dickhausen – Chairperson**

**Nancy Ellis – Vice Chairperson**

**Ron Mergen – Secretary**

**Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Motion was made by Jung to leave the meeting schedule as is; quarterly on the first Thursday of each month at noon, except July 5, 2012 will be July 12, 2012. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTRONIC AGENDAS**

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**MEMBER RESIGNATION/REPLACEMENT**

Bob Jung was congratulated on his over 30 years of dedicated service to the Community and the Park and Tree Board.

**Motion was made by Soine to accept the resignation from Bob Jung. Seconded by Dickhausen and unanimously carried.**

**SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES**

Dickhausen informed members that Community Ed is requesting the use of the Veterans Park Shelter and outdoor seating at no cost. The City will be listed as a sponsor. This year the series will run for five weeks. It was also stated that there is an excess of nonprofit groups wanting to sell concessions during the concerts. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Soine to approve the use of Veterans Park Shelter at no cost for the Summer Concert In The Park Series and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.**

## **SKATE PARK**

Eckerly noted she is working on a contract with Kranz to lease the property for one year. Eckerly also noted that the youth have stated the equipment is ready to go and that the City will inspect it prior to installation.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN**

The Board held a visioning session where members listed their top priorities. All the following ideas were listed and discussed:

### **Needs for the Community with the top five being highlighted:**

1. Sprinkler system – Gazebo - 5
2. Playground equip – Veterans and Ampe and Community - 2
3. Softball fields
4. Drinking Fountain – Ampe
5. Updating the Puff areas (downtown planters)
6. BMX track – Community - 2
7. Skate Park - 3
8. Sand for beach – Veterans – Permit process started
9. Complete Trail
10. Drainage of parking lot – Veterans
11. Lifeguards – Veterans
12. More development (drinking fountains, soccer fields, restrooms) – Ampe - 2
13. Pool/water park/splash pad (gazebo) - 3
14. Outdoor rink and update restrooms with warming house- Gazebo
15. Soccer field – Ampe
16. Fishing pier – Veterans
17. Park help
18. Dog park – Community
19. Fit trail along bike trail

### **Resources:**

1. Capital Improvement Fund - \$241,131.44 10/31/11 balance
2. Grants
3. Contract services
4. Matching funds from other organizations or entities
5. Donations

A special meeting was set for February 2, 2012 at noon to discuss the Park Comprehensive Plan and Ampe Park Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.