

**SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD
PAYNESVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 16, 2015
12:00 NOON**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes (page 1)
- III. NEW BUSINESS
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Play Safe Kangaroo Jumper (page 4) – A Play Safe representative will be available by conference call.
 - C. Skate Park – Luke Walter will be in attendance
 - D. Community Park & Shelter
 - E. Veterans Park & Beach
 - 1. Boat Landing
 - F. Gazebo Park
 - 1. Splash Pad (page 11)
 - a. Fundraising - Update
- V. INFORMATIONAL
 - A. Combating Vandalism In City Parks – Article (page 18)
- VI. ADJOURN

Please contact Ron Mergen at 320-243-3714 ext. 230 or at ron@paynesvillemn.com if you can't attend the meeting.

Board Members: John Wimmer, Len Gilmore, Nancy Ellis, Christine Schlangen, Matt Dickhausen, Jonathan Truwe, and Neil Herzberg.

Advisory Members: Ron Mergen, Lee Schleper, and Renee Eckerly.

This agenda has been prepared to provide information regarding an upcoming meeting of the Paynesville Park & Tree Board. This document does not claim to be complete and is subject to change.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: Park & Tree Board

Committee/Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2015

Agenda Section: Consent

Originating Department: Administration

Item Number: II - A

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Minutes

Prepared by: Staff

COMMENTS:

Please review the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Park & Tree Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Park & Tree Board meeting.

**MINUTES
PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

MARCH 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Matt Dickhausen at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Len Gilmore, Nancy Ellis, John Wimmer, and Neil Herzberg. Christy Schlangen and Lee Schleper were absent. Advisory Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Jonathan Truwe was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Wimmer to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

NEW MEMBER

Jonathan Truwe was introduced to the Board.

Motion was made by Wimmer to appoint Jonathan Truwe to the Park & Tree Board and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

PLAY SAFE KANGAROO JUMPER

Eckerly presented a PowerPoint of the Kangaroo Jumper unit. Jumpers come in various sizes. The perimeter is beach sand and the material is a heavy canvas. The jumper would be inflated in the spring and deflated in the fall and stored. It would likely be installed at the Ampe or Community Park as it will take up a fair amount of area. Members agreed this is a good concept and would like to research pricing.

SKATE PARK

Gilmore reported that he was in contact with Luke Walters and discussed the skate park. Members suggested the next step would be to invite Walters to a meeting.

COMMUNITY PARK SHELTER

It was reported that Voss will start on the shelter as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

VETERANS PARK BOAT LANDING/DOCK

It was reported that the City is working with the Sportsmen's Club on funding a new dock system and that the DNR agreement for the new ramp has been approved.

SPLASH PAD- PHASE TWO WOW FACTOR

The prices were reviewed for Phase II and are as follows:

Rain Deck – parts, materials, and shipping	\$24,154.00
Concrete and Installation	\$34,000.00
Landscaping	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

SUB TOTAL	\$59,654.00
Less sidewalk approved in 2014	<u>\$ 7,875.00</u>
TOTAL	\$51,779.00

The available funds in the Park CIP are \$120,000.00 of which \$60,000.00 will be utilized for the Community Park Shelter. Members discussed the need for a kick start campaign and setting a goal of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. A number of ideas were discussed on raising the funds, contacting the townships, business owners, and have the concept drawing updated to what is actually being planned.

Motion was made by Dickhausen to approve Phase II of the splash pad in the amount of \$51,779.00; contingent upon funding raising a total of \$20,000.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



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Skype address: gary.wakerley
E-mail:

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The Outdoor Kangaroo Jumper 'No Sand Option'

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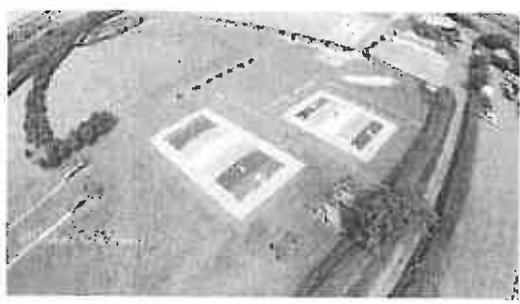


▶ The benefits in a nutshell:

- ▶ • Drastically reduce injury
- ▶ • Eliminate abrasion on the canvas
- ▶ • Eliminate sand maintenance and sand replacement
- ▶ • Improve Aesthetic value
- ▶ • Eliminate sand being transferred to the pool and splash pad
- ▶ • Create a cleaner play environment

Whether you are replacing an existing canvas or considering your first Kangaroo Jumper purchase, the value of our no-sand option should not be underrated. Simply put, it makes economic sense as well as as providing a safer, cleaner, longer lasting and even better looking environment.

The no-sand option came about after considering years of data collected on the causes of injury and overwhelmingly that data pointed to the **'Lack of Sand Maintenance'** causing 76% of injury related incidents. We simply needed a way to eliminate sand maintenance altogether and in the process eliminate 76% of injury related incidents. Those injuries were mostly minor and focused on ankle sprains and knee sprains. We were rewarded with the **additional benefits** that came along with the solution.



It costs more because of the added labor and material costs associated with the holding

flap and the additional cost of the Carpeted Cross-linked Foam surround. The foam is ASTM 9 feet fall rated, it does not absorb water and the bonded carpet will not lose its integrity although it will color fade over time just like anything used outdoors. The carpet is acrylic and similar to marine carpet used in boats.



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About Insurance

The 'Kangaroo Jumper' is the only product that conforms to the
Leavitt Insurance Preferred Rate Requirements

- The Jumping Pillow was a brand new product to the USA in 2004. This product has over 15000 installations throughout Europe and approximately 250 installations throughout Australia and New Zealand.
- The first USA installation took place at the Charlotte KOA Campground in April of 2004. Installations now exceed 2000 throughout the 50 states of the USA. The product is now called 'The Kangaroo Jumper'
- **Jumping Pillows LLC (a USA company) has ensured that high levels of safety are maintained with every installation however, there are copy products including a product called 'Jumping Pillow' and 'Jumbo Jumper' these products do not conform to the highest safety standards and are made from a lesser quality material - Be very aware of anything not called 'The Kangaroo Jumper'**
- Since 2004 Jumping Pillows LLC has developed additional safety features as a result of working with the requirements of USA based Insurance Companies. Installing each Kangaroo Jumper to established safety standards so that each installation provides our clients with longevity and trouble-free operation, is established company policy.

Main Safety Features of the Kangaroo Jumper

- The Kangaroo Jumper is low-level
- There are no hard surfaces to land on
- A 4ft. roll-off area of soft sand is maintained around the entire periphery of the jumper or clients can choose the NEW Permanent Soft Edge feature.
- Our Jumpers feature a 'Sand Level Indicator'
- The unique design of the Kangaroo Jumper is such that the jumping of one person has minimal effect on the bounce of another - Totally different dynamics than that of a Trampoline or Bounce House.
- Timers or a manual switch can turn the Jumper off at dusk - when the Jumper is off it deflates to ground level and cannot be used
- Clients are instructed to turn the Jumper off during rain

INSURANCE ARE YOU COVERED?

In the USA and Canada we recommend:

Leavitt Group	Toll-Free: (800) 525-2060	Leavitt Recreation & Hospitality Insurance <small>A General Liability Insurance Agency</small>
HUB - BHJ Insurance, Inc. <i>Ask for Aaron Linden</i>	Toll Free: (800) 300-4370 307-672-5833	HUB International
Westland Insurance <i>Ask for Ken Donat</i>	888-292-7389 608-343-0273 608-768-0401	Westland Insurance Services
Evergreen USA RRG, Inc. 10 Falcon Rd. Lewiston, ME 04240	1-800-343-7900 (207) 784-6475 (fax) info@evergreenusa.com	Evergreen USA <small>Insurance for Recreation and Amusement Industry</small>
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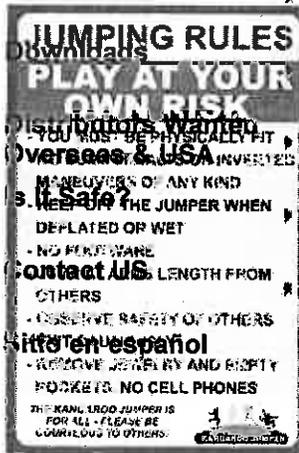
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The Installation



These signs
are
provided
at
installation!

It's all about Insurance & Statutory Law:

Eleven years ago I introduced the 'Jumping Pillow' to the industry in the USA and Canada and the success of the product and the positive impact it has had on those who have installed it is well documented. We have tried desperately along the way to maintain an envious safety record. We're always studying the cause of even the slightest injury and it's this information that is used to keep our product well ahead of competitors. Consequently, there are additional safety measures instigated and incorporated into the 2013 model and are exclusive to our product 'The Kangaroo Jumper'.

Variable Speed Motor:

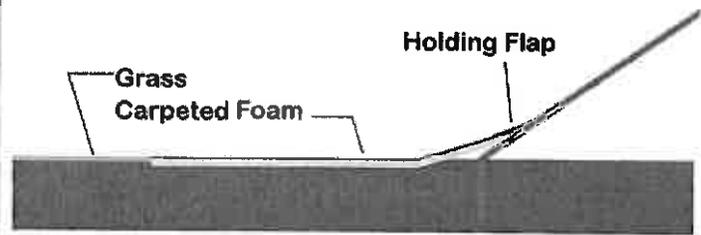
Big people can hurt little people! This feature allows you the Park Owner the ability to regulate just how high folks can jump. Tone it down to a level that is still enjoyable but you won't have teens and adults crashing down on the little ones from a great height. This item can also be easily retro-fitted to existing Kangaroo Jumpers & Jumping Pillows.

The Hard Edge - Sand Depth Indicator: Exclusive

Exposure of the Hard Edge is the most common cause of injury. The sand or pea gravel is constantly being pushed away from the edge as people plunge into it when getting off the Jumper. For that reason it is necessary to maintain that coverage by raking back the sand to its original position. We have devised a way in which ground staff can see at an instant what the coverage is in any given area of the perimeter and this makes maintenance easy to control. **Our sand indicator has been upgraded in 2014 to conform with recent changes to the USA regulations regarding Playground Sand Depth.**

Permanently Covered Hard Edge: Exclusive

When the hard edge is exposed it is simply dangerous! The use of sand to cover this hard edge has worked fine for years however it does require constant maintenance keeping the sand at the correct depth, it also requires topping up each year and history shows that most folks have a system in place to regulate the sand depth. Some don't! We now have the ability to do away with the sand and cover the hard edge permanently, this means no maintenance, no ongoing costs of sand replacement and as a bonus the elimination of abrasion on the surface significantly extends the life of the canvas. **Looks Great as well!**



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Injury Statistics

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Our Products

Research Indicates:

Your Industry Info

- ▶ Each year approximately 205,860 preschool and elementary children receive emergency department care for injuries that occur on playground equipment.

How Long will it last?

- ▶ 76% of the injuries happened on public playground equipment
- ▶ 23% occurred on home playground equipment

Finance & Insurance

- ▶ Approximately 156,040 (75.8 %) of the 1999 injuries occurred on equipment designed for public use; 46,930 (22.8 %) occurred on equipment designed for home use; and 2,880 (1.4 %) occurred on homemade playground equipment (primarily rope swings).

Photo's & Video's

- ▶ About 45% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in schools.
- ▶ About 31% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in public parks.
- ▶ About 10% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in commercial childcare centers.

Prices & Sizes

- ▶ About 3% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in home childcare.
- ▶ About 3% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in apartment complexes.
- ▶ About 2% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in fast food restaurants.

The Installation

- ▶ About 9% of injuries involving public equipment occurred in other locations.
- ▶ **The places where you will find a Kangaroo Jumper (Campgrounds, Resorts, Corn mazes etc.) fall into a category that contributes the least number of injuries.

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Approximately 15% of the injuries were classified as severe, with 3% requiring hospitalization.

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- ▶ The most prevalent diagnoses were fractures (39%), lacerations (22%), contusions/abrasions (20%), strains/sprains (11%). Falls to the surface was a contributing factor in 79% of all injuries. On home equipment, 81% were associated with falls.

Is It Safe?

- ▶ **Most injuries on public playground equipment were associated with climbing equipment (53%), swings (19%), and slides (17%).**

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- ▶ **It is logical to assess that the fundamental body movements involved in playing on the Kangaroo Jumper fall into the very low injury category, add to the equation the safety features built into each installation (no hard surfaces, low height activity, inability to use the equipment during rain etc) and you can see why the Kangaroo Jumper is as safe as playground equipment can get! That is why in some other countries, Insurance companies actually recommend the Kangaroo Jumper because of its impeccable safety record.

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The Kangaroo Jumper will attract a high volume of participants and people can hurt other people and people breaking rules also can hurt themselves and others. **Every Kangaroo Jumper Owner should have a sound management plan to ensure safe operation of their Kangaroo Jumper.**

All statistics were based on data obtained between 1998 and 2000 from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) National Electronic Surveillance System (NEISS). NEISS collects playground product-related data from a selected sample of more than 100 hospital emergency departments located throughout the U.S. Thus, only emergency room injuries are recorded and the national statistics are estimates. All statistics have been adjusted to reflect out-of-scope cases that were reported to NEISS.



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Installation We Do/You Do

Our Products

What you need to do before we install - More detailed instructions are provided if you prefer to choose our 'Do-It-Yourself' option:

Your Industry Info

DO NOT DIG YOUR TRENCH BEFORE WE GET THERE!

How Long will it last?

1. Prepare the ground by removing stones etc.
2. The area does not need to be level - talk to us about this!
3. Do not remove grass

Finance & Insurance

The ground must be cleared of stones and any sharp objects. Marking out **should only be done** with the Kangaroo Jumper in place.

Photo's & Video's

Do not mark-out and dig the trench until the installation team arrive. There is no need to remove grass from the installation site.

Prices & Sizes

Sand or Pea Gravel is placed and the Jumper inflated.

The Installation

The Jumper is normally ready to jump on immediately, however optimum inflation relies on the sealing of the trench and the settling of the in trench components, this can take from 1 to 6 days. Please inform us if your site is elevated 1500ft or more above sea level so that the correct pump and blower unit is installed.

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DRAINAGE:

Before backfilling of the trench takes place you may want to consider running 4" flexible drainage pipe around the bottom of the trench. Although problems with drainage are not common, it can occur.

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Please talk to us about water table issues and drainage at the time of your order.

Is It Safe?

Self Installation:

You can save money by installing yourself. Installation is not rocket science but it is an exacting process. When your Jumper is inflated it needs to rise to the correct height and it needs to be level so adherence to the instructions and following our instructions on the day is paramount.

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 jcityw@tvmmanagement.com

City of Paynesville
 221 Washington Ave.
 Paynesville, MN 56362
 Apr. 8th. 2015

Attn: Renee Eckerly

Thank you for the inquiry and the opportunity to provide a quotation for the proposed Kangaroo Jumper Installation. I am also including a quotation for a fitted Ground Cover for use during winter and other times when the Jumper may not be in use. This is not an essential item but a useful accessory. The quotation is for a size 7 as requested. Also the additions for the 'No Sand Option' are included as well.

Supply:

1 x Size 7 Kangaroo Jumper 67' 6" x 33' with tie downs and all components.	US\$ 14468.00
1 x Freight the above	US\$ 655.00

Supply:

1 x Size 7 Kangaroo Jumper Fitted Ground Cover	US\$ \$895.00
1 x Freight either of the above	US\$ 185.00

Installation:

Installation (we do it)	US\$ 2675.00
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No Sand Option:

To convert to the No Sand Option two additions are required. 1/ a holding flap is welded around the entire perimeter of the canvas and 2/ the purchase of the Carpeted Crosslinked Foam to cover the hard edge. This option is exclusive to the Kangaroo Jumper and conforms to the lesser Insurance rate offered by some leading Industry Insurers.

Size 7 - add 5 rolls Carpeted Foam @ \$740/roll = \$3700 + the holding flap @\$1475	US\$5175.00
Plus additional freight!	

Benefits of the No Sand Option:

- Improved aesthetics of your playground environment
- Lack of sand abrasion equates to longer life (2+ years)
- No sand maintenance ever – virtually eliminates injury never exposing the hard edge
- No transfer of sand to swimming pools and splash pads – no sand blocking up filters

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- **Qualifies for reduced insurance premium with some leading insurers**

The 'No Sand Option' makes economic sense as well as providing a safer, cleaner, longer lasting and even better looking environment.

The 'No Sand' option creates a clean environment, therefore it is not recommended that it be created in a dirty environment. Outside of the clean environment created should be grass or ground that will not transfer mud, dirt etc. into the clean area.

Note:

On the day of installation the Client will need to make available a Backhoe and operator and a quantity of sand (approx. 18 - 22 yards depending on size). Electricity to the Motor Blower unit 1/3hp 3amp 110v Motor. Some hardware items will need to be purchased locally usually \$250 - \$400 (depending on size)

Beware the life of products in the Sun/Heat

The material used in this quotation is for our exclusive Long Life Premium PVC Canvas which comes with a 5 year Unconditional UV warranty however you can expect a life of at least 8-10 years in your region. Installation warranty and Manufacturer's warranty is also applicable. Our cheaper and less UV resistant material will provide a lesser price than quoted above and is available at your request but is not recommended for your situation as it will only last 3-4 years. This is not guesswork as we have much experience over 12 years installing in your region. Another exclusive feature of our product is that all seams are double welded to provide superior strength – our seams never give way!

Company History:

We are the original suppliers of the Jumping Pillow product into the USA and have been in business here for 12 years, whilst copy products continue to come and go, we have manufactured and supplied over 2400 in that time. There are two copy products now (there were 4 last year) and all have tried to have their product manufactured by our factory using our exclusive material, all failed and we remain the only supplier to be able to provide the genuine long life material and the improved 'No Sand' option. The Kangaroo Jumper is the leader of this type of product World Wide.

I go to this length to talk about material because it is all about 'How long will it last vs. cost?' and there are unfortunately some Tall Stories and claims out there. Your capital investment and your business are important to us and that is why we have always stuck to supplying our exclusive quality as the economics of this material speak for itself, standard PVC Canvas will not stand the test of time unless it is fully covered with shade. Our product is fully manufactured in the USA and exported around the world.

I look forward to being involved with your project and am at your disposal for further discussion on 865 387 8707 anytime.

Regards from Gary Wakerley
Owner – Jumping Pillows LLC
Owner – Playsafe Products LLC
865 387 8707

PS: With over 2400 installations across the USA alone, we are the Industry Leaders and we look forward to working with you!

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**Copy product after 2 years.
severely faded and ready to split!**



Our product after 4 years
*Pictures of a Texas Install

This Farmer installed our Premium Material product and had great success with it, two years later he decided to install another but went for the cheaper material from a different supplier. This aerial was taken two years later and the difference is clearly evident. The location is Texas which has one of the highest UV factors in the USA. The owner sent me these pictures.

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Proposal

2/18/2015

City of Paynesville
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Paynesville, MN 56362

RE: SPLASH PAD EXTENSION GAZEBO PARK

Quote is for:

- Excavation of topsoil, import granular borrow for subgrade, provide misc. plumbing materials and installation of splash pad accessories, installation of header and water connection in bathroom mechanical room, installation of water tower foundation, form and pour 4" concrete slab per plan with color includes thickened edge, saw cutting concrete, caulking joints of saw cuts, sealing slab, Excavation and placement of 4" sidewalk (natural concrete color) from bathrooms to splash pad, and placement of topsoil along edges.
- Color Allowance up to \$30.00/CY for splash pad

Not included:

- Seeding of topsoil along edges.
- Splash Pad Accessories provided by others

Total Labor, Materials, and taxes: \$34,000.00

The Prices quoted are based on present material costs and are in effect for 30 days. After this period, in the event of a price increase by the manufacturer, this quotation becomes void and we reserve the right to requote.

Authorized and Accepted

Signature _____

Date _____

Voss PLUMBING-HEATING
PAYNESVILLE MN
Steve Silk

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Subject: Rain Deck - Sales Order - #13144
From: Rain Deck (ryanw@raindeck.com)
To: bulldogfitness@yahoo.com; ryanw@raindeck.com;
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 3:36 PM



Dear Matt Dickhausen,

Thank you for choosing Rain Deck for your splash pad needs! Please carefully review the order details below including any custom paint colors and the correct billing and shipping address. When you are ready to place your order, simply select the "APPROVE" link at the bottom of the order.

Sales Order: #13144

Product	Quantity	Price	Total
Rain Deck 3" Nozzle Tool (RD100-0) (#RD100-0)	1	\$19.00	\$19.00
Rain Deck 3" Universal Housing (RD102-0) (#RD102-0)	2	\$33.00	\$66.00
Rain Deck 3" Adjustable Nozzle (RD103-0) (#RD103-0)	2	\$34.00	\$68.00
Rain Deck Footing Base w/ Cap and Hardware (RD399-0) (#RD399-0)	2	\$250.00	\$500.00
Rain Deck Footing Base Spray Plate - Rain Spider (RD399-3) (#RD399-3)	2	\$68.00	\$136.00



Rain Deck SS Bucket Tower 1 (RDS351-0) (#RDS351-0)	1	\$16,800.00	\$16,800.00
Rain Deck 8-Nozzle Ring of Water (RD129-0) (#RD129-0)	1	\$695.00	\$695.00
11" x 11" Box Drain – 4" PVC Connection (RD437-0) (#RD437-0)	2	\$89.00	\$178.00
Special Order Item (#SO) Custom 2" Manifold with (2) 3/4" solenoids: And (3) 1.5" solenoids with (1) 1.5" ball valve	1	-	\$1,150.00
Rain Deck 8 Zone Multi-Program Electronic Controller (RD500-0) (#RD500-0)	1	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00
Rain Deck Sof-Touch™ Electronic Timer Box (RD550-1) (#RD550-1)	1	\$592.00	\$592.00
Rain Deck Sof-Touch™ Ground Sensor w/ Footing Base (RD555-0) (#RD555-0)	1	\$795.00	\$795.00
Order Subtotal:			\$22,294.00
Shipping:			\$1,860.00
Order Total:			\$24,154.00

Order Notes:

Splash Pad Expansion Equipment

Customer Details:

Email: bulldogfitness@yahoo.com

Phone: 320-243-7570

Billing Address:

Matt Dickhausen
City of Paynesville
221 Washburne Avenue
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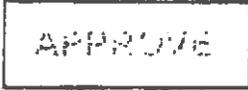
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Shipping Address:

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To approve the current order as is, please click the **APPROVE** button below. After clicking the **APPROVE** button, you will be re-directed to a secure payment processing page.



If you have any questions, please call us at 888-445-7246 or email sales@raindeck.com.

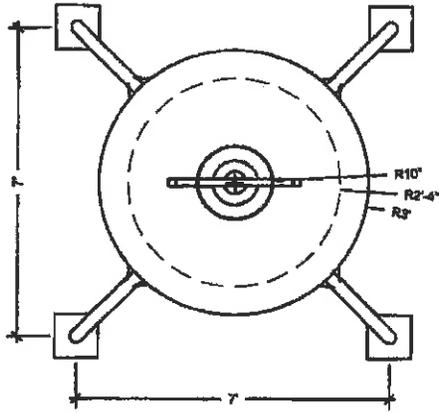
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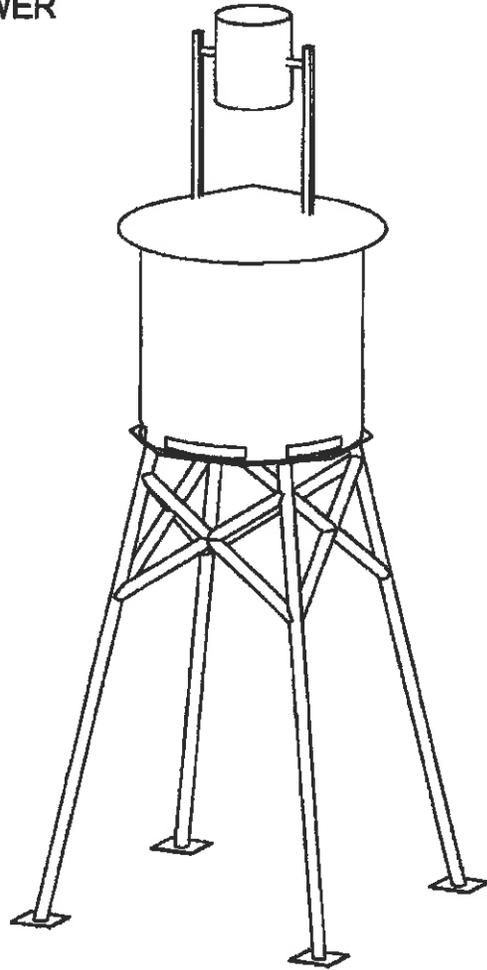
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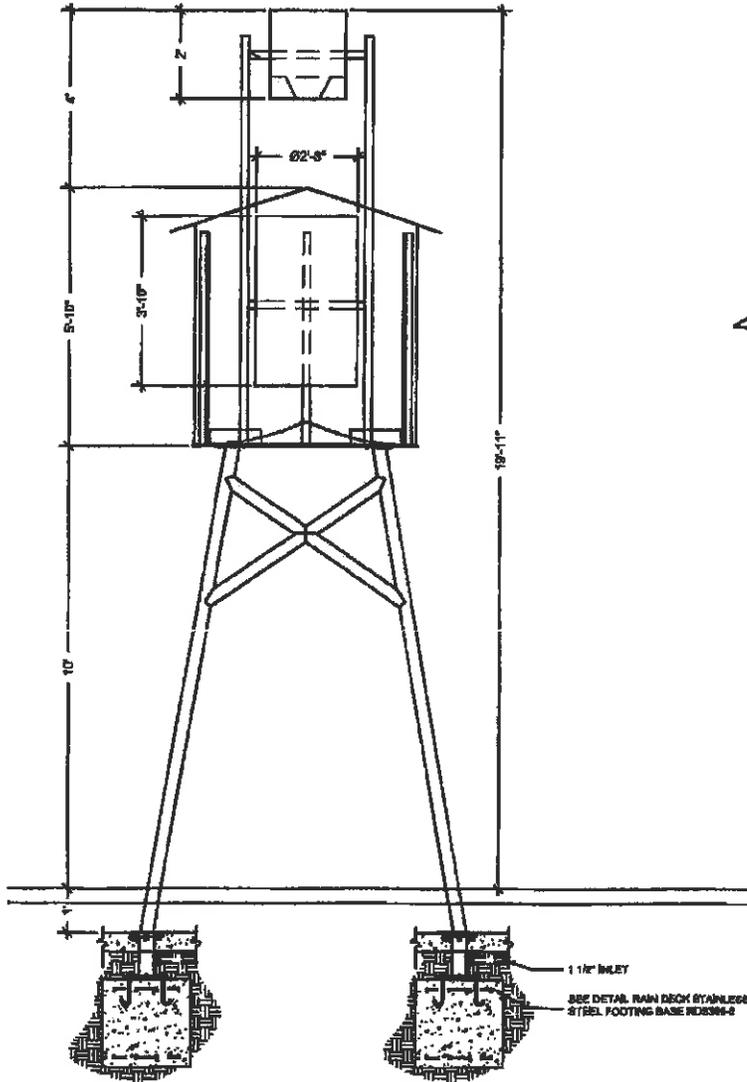
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Combating VANDALISM in City Parks

BY MARISA HELMS

A couple of years ago in Norwood Young America (population 3,500), leaders from the local VFW and American Legion invested their time, energy, and money to transform a 10,000-square-foot swath of city land into a veterans memorial park.

The centerpiece of the new park was an engraved granite monument in recognition of U.S. veterans.

But in June 2014, before the veterans and city officials could hold a public dedication ceremony for the monument, vandals destroyed it. The heavy, 3-by-5-foot granite plaque that read, "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," was tossed on its side, cracked, and unfixable.

"People were very upset," says Norwood Young America City Administrator Steve Helget. "Whoever did it wasn't thinking what the memorial was about, which was recognizing the people and families who have made sacrifices for their country. So it was just disheartening for something like this to happen in our community."

City Councilmember Dick Stolz, who is also a member of the local American Legion, has been instrumental in

replacing the monument. "We're not a very big organization, and it took a lot of time and money to make the park improvements and build the monument. We had just gotten it done—and then it was smashed," Stolz says. "It was very frustrating and disappointing to see that. But we expect to have the new monument up in the spring, and we want to make even more improvements to the park over time."

Replacing the monument will cost \$6,000. Though charitable contributions paid for the first one, Helget says the city will pay a \$5,000 deductible for its claim filed with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT), which will cover the rest.

Nobody has been charged with the monument's destruction.

Helget notes that, like other cities he's worked for, Norwood Young America— as small as it is—is still vulnerable to

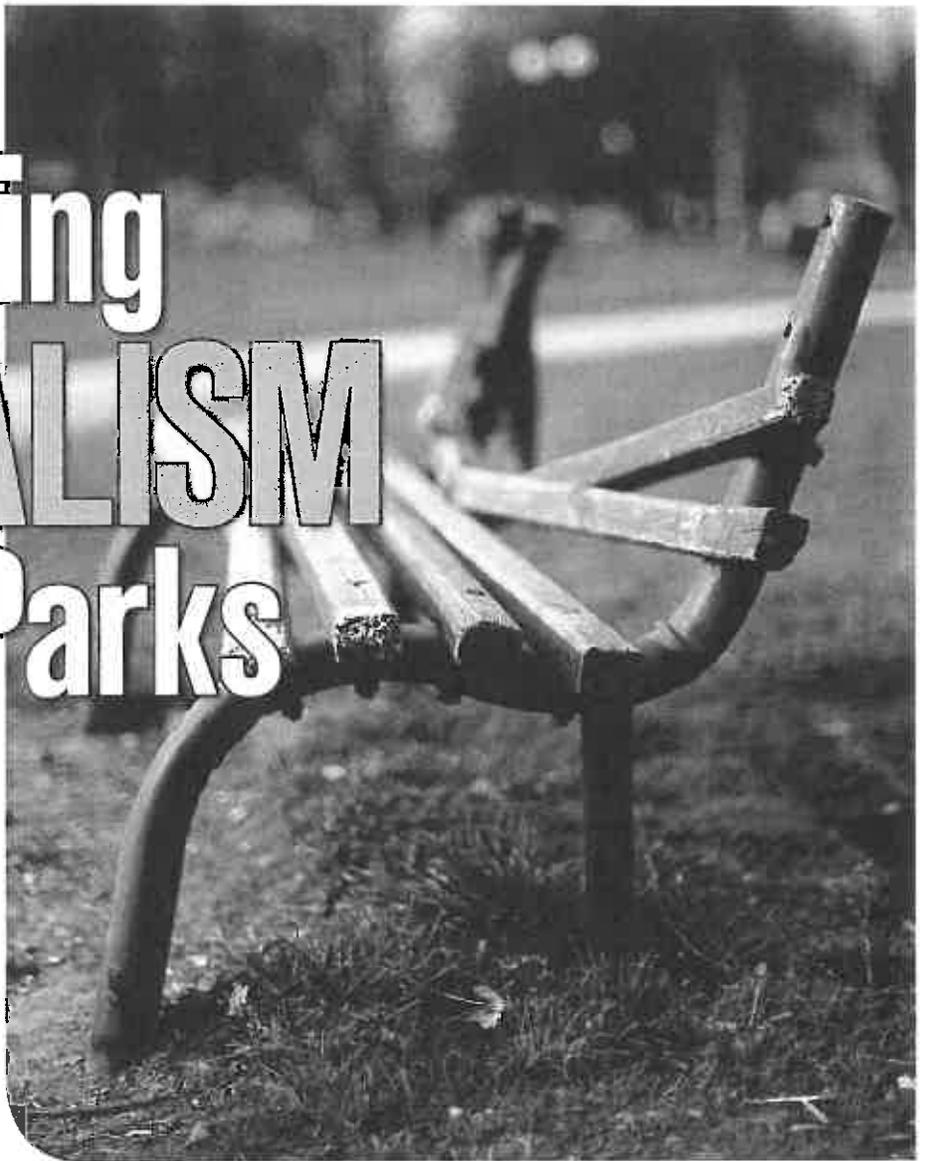
sporadic park vandalism. In fact, no city is immune from it.

Across Minnesota, park vandalism—which includes graffiti, arson, and any other type of property destruction—is sadly predictable. City officials and experts say park vandalism usually corresponds with the school calendar. So, just as the perennial flora sprouts each spring and summer to make our parks inviting and green, vandalism can also take root, marring the landscape and dampening a town's sense of safety and community.

A persistent problem

The best word to characterize the problem of vandalism in Minnesota's city parks is probably "persistent," says Paul Gladen, a loss control expert with LMCIT.

Recent LMCIT data indicates that claims for park vandalism have remained pretty steady over the past few years. LMCIT received 75 such claims in 2012, 53 claims in 2013, and 55 in 2014.



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Since some park vandalism can seem like minor horseplay, Gladen believes there are even more cases of vandalism out there that cities haven't reported.

"Let's say the park attendant sees that the bathroom is trashed. He doesn't see it necessarily as a big deal, but that it's just going about his day-to-day routine, run-of-the-mill stuff," Gladen explains. "The attendant then goes about fixing what's broken and the damage goes unreported. I understand why they do that—because it happens all the time. It's not worth putting in an insurance claim because it's below the city's deductible, so they just clean it up."

Still, Gladen advises cities to carefully track any acts—however small—that could be considered vandalism, to make sure the city has a good handle on the problem. Perhaps an escalation of destruction is afoot, requiring additional measures, like more police patrols or cameras in the park.

Gladen says park vandalism is often committed by bored and sometimes angry youth—from grade school to teenagers, up to young adults in their 20s. Vandalism can be an outlet to express anger while not having to confront anyone, Gladen notes. "Other motives for park vandalism are revenge, defiance, or acceptance into the group. Sometimes it's gang-related."

While cities may not be able to fully address or alleviate teen angst or boredom, Gladen does have a couple of reminders for what cities can do to deter vandalism in their parks.

Cities should be sure to have consistent park facility hours, so kids and other patrons aren't angry or resentful when they find a closed door that should be open, he advises. And the more programming and activities to engage youth, the better. Whether it's bike trails or skate parks, cities can steer kids toward productive, instead of destructive, activities.

Open, safe spaces

Cities can also reduce their vulnerability to park vandalism by making sure park patrons are not able to do destructive things unseen.

For example, a skate park located in a back corner of a city park, away from pedestrians and cars, is an open invitation to vandals. So, Gladen says, parks should be well-lit and well-maintained

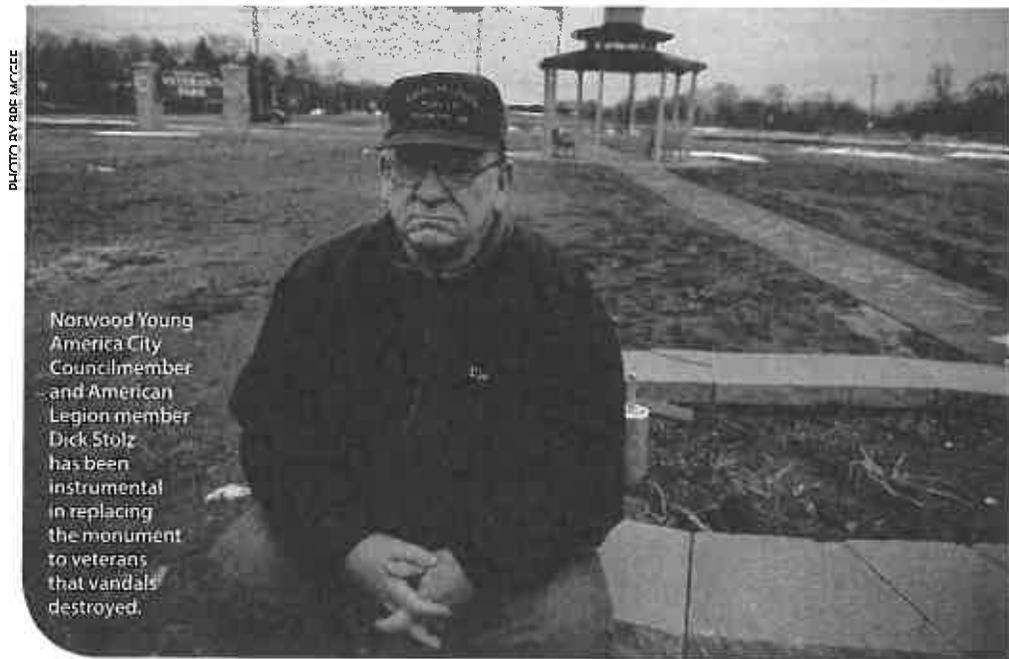


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Norwood Young America City Councilmember and American Legion member Dick Stolz has been instrumental in replacing the monument to veterans that vandals destroyed.

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with good natural surveillance features and good site lines from roadways.

To discourage graffiti, one method Gladen suggests is planting vines on walls. If a prime "tagging" wall is covered in vegetation, graffiti can't take hold. Also, Gladen recommends planting hedges (the pricklier the better!) in front of walls to keep people with spray cans from getting close enough to tag park property.

In addition, he stresses the importance of getting the public involved in city parks. The more the public uses the park, the better. Whether it's runners, basketball players, or community groups, having more people around to keep an eye on things helps decrease a park's vulnerability.

Lastly, when there is damage from vandalism, Gladen says it should be cleaned up as quickly as possible. Restoring park property effectively takes back city ownership, and reinforces awareness that it's the public's territory, not the vandal's.

Dealing with arson in Plymouth

While the City of Plymouth has successfully employed many of Gladen's strategies, the city nonetheless has experienced several significant arson attacks in its parks over the years.

In 1999, a play structure in Plymouth's Turtle Lake Park was burned to a crisp by arsonists. The cost to replace it was \$26,500. In 2006, Plymouth's Timber Shores Park was hit twice. Arsonists burned down an aging play structure there, and a week later, another play structure in Timber Shores was also burned to the ground. The cost to replace both structures was \$88,000.

And in August 2014, it happened again. This time in Plymouth Creek Park.

The city had just purchased a new playground structure to replace some old, outdated equipment. A truckload of all the new playground pieces sat boxed up and unattended in the park, awaiting installation.

It was a tempting sight for arsonists, who torched the entire load.

"Everything that was flammable was just done," says Plymouth Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Barb Northway. "The ground was also charred. Even the paint on the metal posts that hold the equipment had been all burned off. So, it was just posts lying on the ground, with the charred remains on top. It looked like a house fire."

The Plymouth Creek Park damage added up to \$80,000.

Plymouth City Manager Dave Calister says kids cried, and the commu-

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nity was outraged by the crime. Many parents stepped up to increase the pool of money for a \$5,000 reward leading to the arrest of the vandals.

Nobody has yet taken responsibility for the crime. The police have a few leads, but are still investigating.

"It's just a senseless waste of resources," bemoans Callister.

Adopt-a-Park volunteers commit to regularly watching, using, and sometimes even cleaning the parks in their neighborhoods. While Adopt-a-Park is not a patrolling program, Callister says just having people walking through the parks helps deter vandalism and keeps the parks clean and safe.

Plymouth police officers also patrol the parks during the summer months. They typically show up in the late afternoon until about midnight. On Saturdays and Sundays, officers make an appearance in the parks as "good will ambassadors."

Northway says she believes the city's Parks & Wrec™ Vandalism Prevention Program is another strategy that is having a positive impact on children. Since 2011, Plymouth police and parks officials have teamed up with area schools to teach children about the problem and high cost of vandalism in parks, and how to call 911 and report vandalism when they see it. (Learn more about this program at www.lmc.org/parkswrec.)

Callister says from time to time, the City Council talks about installing cameras in city parks. He says it's an idea that's been at play for a while in Plymouth, but one that's not currently being seriously considered. Since there are over 50 parks in Plymouth, it's a big decision to install cameras. Plus someone would have to monitor them, notes Callister.

"Instead, we're using the human element with the park patrol and the neighbors," adds Northway. "They're there all the time."

Filing a claim with LMCIT

Whenever your city is struck by an act of park vandalism, LMCIT Claims Supervisor Jim Boonstra says the most important thing a city should do is contact the police. Claims should also be reported in a timely way.

LMCIT members can file claims directly to LMCIT or through an agent by phone, fax, or online. Once a claim is filed, an adjuster will meet with the city, and inspect and photograph the loss site to document the damage and determine what happened. The adjuster will also obtain the police report and any repair invoices related to the incident.

If the Trust finds the incident to be a covered loss, it agrees on the amount and damage, and settles the claim with the city. Generally, a city will have to meet its deductible.

Boonstra says restitution from the responsible parties is sometimes possible, which can help a city recover some or all of its deductible. That's why timely police reporting and claims processing are critically important in vandalism cases.

"Cities need to be aware if vandalism is happening, and report it to police," says Boonstra. "The earlier the police start investigating, the better a city's chance to find the responsible parties and get restitution." ■

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Plymouth Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Barb Northway and City Manager Dave Callister stand in the fully restored Plymouth Creek Park.

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A contractor works to clean up the mess after arsonists completely destroyed new park equipment in Plymouth.

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Plymouth relies its residents

Despite these high-profile cases of arson in Plymouth parks over the years, Callister says the city (population 73,000) is below average in terms of most acts of park vandalism.

"It's a clean city and we keep a nice system of 53 parks that are maintained and cleaned with great services," says Callister, adding that the city has adopted several strategies to make its parks less vulnerable to vandalism.

For starters, Callister says strong interdepartmental communication and ongoing conversations with residents through Plymouth's Adopt-a-Park Program both help the city react quickly to acts of vandalism if they occur.

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