

## MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD

**APRIL 19, 2012**

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

**Motion was made by Soine to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Schlangen and unanimously carried.**

**Motion was made by Schlangen to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2012 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

New member Neil Herzberg was welcomed to the Board.

### **MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING**

Members discussed which park needed the trees and since the City doesn't have a plan for the Ampe Park the Board suggested the trees be planted in the Community Park.

**Motion was made by Schlangen to plant the memorial trees at the Community Park. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

### **PLANTERS**

The condition of the small downtown planters was discussed. The one near Swyter's building is in especially poor condition. It was suggested to remove the one by River Street and James Street and utilize the block to repair the one by Swyter's. The City will then plan to reconstruct all of them with the 2014 street project.

### **PARKS**

**BMX Track** - It was discussed that the track looks like an eye soar and it should be maintained or removed. It was noted that the track is utilized and should not be removed unless something else is put in its place. As an option the skate park was discussed, this would be less of a maintenance burden and bikers could use it also. A plan is to be devised to maintain the track for this year and research the skate park.

**Playground Equipment** - Members reviewed a number of different options for playground equipment, noting the high prices on all of the items. It was suggested to think outside the box; build a tire swing, climbing device with old tractor tires, etc.

**Motion was made by Schlangen to spend up to \$5,000.00 on innovative playground equipment at the Community Park and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

**Dog Park** – It was reported that the City received a small donation for the dog park; however, the Board does not see the needed support for this project.

**Motion was made by Schlangen to return the donation. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

**Gazebo Park Sprinkler** – It was reported that this has been discussed for several years and that in past years the City has had many mature trees which shades the grass. Also discussed was the splash pad and to have one set of sprinklers set to run off a push button and let kids run through it like a splash pad. Two quotes were received for the sprinkler system:

Voss Plumbing & Heating	\$9,515.00
Traut	\$9,660.00

**Motion was made by Schlangen to approve the quote from Voss Plumbing & Heating to install a sprinkler system at Gazebo Park in the amount of \$9,515.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

### **2012 Z TURN MOWER**

Initially prices were taken to replace the front mount mower, but the cost was over \$22,000.00. Staff then looked at keeping the front mount and purchasing a new Z Turn mower. The bids received were as follows:

A & C	\$13,900.00
Lake Henry Improvement	\$ 9,853.00
Paynesville Improvement	\$13,700.00
Torborg equipment	\$13,099.00

After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Schlangen to purchase the Z Turn Mower from Lake Henry Implement in the amount of \$9,853.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.