

MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD

MAY 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Matt Dickhausen at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Kay McDaniel, John Wimmer, Neil Herzberg, and Len Gilmore. Advisory Members present were Lee Schleper, Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Also present was Dick Johnson, KLA. Absent were Christy Schlangen and Nancy Ellis.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2013 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by McDaniel and unanimously carried.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Members reviewed the request from Community Education to host two movies on August 11, 2003 and September 21, 2013 at Gazebo Park. It was noted that last year the movies went over very well.

Motion was made by McDaniel to approve the request and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

VETERANS PARK

Lifeguards - It was reported that the City is still advertising; currently the City has received four applications, but are in need of applicants that are 18 years of age or older.

Parking Lot – The estimated cost to rehab the lot is approximately \$70,000.00 and is currently in the 2014 construction plans. It was discussed to only seal coat the lot; however, the seal coat does nothing to strengthen the base. After a short discussion, members agreed it should be left in the 2014 reconstruction plans.

GAZEBO PARK

Splash Pad - Dickhausen presented a plan to install a splash pad at Gazebo Park. The features would include:

- Fresh water system
- 16 rain deck nozzles; ground level spray
- Soft touch electronic timer box
- Ground level sensor, step on to activate
- Program controller
- 3 low flow spray plates
- 20 x 20 concrete slab - colored and stamped

Members discussed the proposal noting the following:

1. The Board has worked on this for several years.
2. Costs and maintenance issues are minimal compared to the recirculation water system.
3. Location of the facility.
4. Amenities within the splash pad; an umbrella or mushrooms of some type were discussed to give it a focal point.

5. It would add another amenity to the park and bring in more family activities.
6. Benches would be placed around the pad for parents.
6. The unit would be designed for possible future expansion.

After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the splash pad with the umbrella at the estimated cost of \$18,000.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

PARK COMP PLAN

Additional items to be added:

Gazebo Park

- Splash pad
- Add a kitchen facility to the park, possibly to the small shelter

South Street and Maple Street Parks - No new proposals

Ampe Park

- Soccer fields
- Land purchase
- Restrooms
- Shelter with kitchen facility
- Walking trail
- Basketball court
- Volleyball pit
- Sprinkler system
- Tree plantings

Nature Park - The Board appreciates Tom Koshiol maintaining the park.

Veterans Park

- Parking lot rehab
- Raft rehab

Members discussed RV camping, but this is not the location. The Board's goal is to maintain the wooded area as is.

Community Park

- Restrooms
- Parking area

Dick Johnson presented information on invasive species. Koronis Lake Association (KLA) is proposing to hire inspectors to monitor the boat landing. KLA is contributing \$13,000.00 and is asking the City and Township each to contribute \$15,000.00 for two years. Members discussed the proposal noting the lake is a key asset to the community; however, the City's money would be better spent on signage and educational items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.