

MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD

JULY 12, 2012

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

Motion was made by Schlangen to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2012 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

DOWNTOWN RESTROOMS

A proposal from Voss Plumbing & Heating was presented to replace the existing bathroom stools with 1.6 gpf energy efficient units. The existing units have problems during Town & Country Days as they don't recover before the next flush is made.

Motion was made by Schlangen to go with the American Standard option and replace the existing units and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

LIFEGUARDS

An email from Ellis was reviewed noting how the lifeguards need to position themselves when the beach is full of swimmers. One lifeguard should be on the raft and the other on the dock or beach. Members all agreed. It was reported that the lifeguards have been informed of such.

PARKS

Skate Park – The play ground equipment and tire play area was discussed. Members were informed that due to previous staff cuts the department simply does not have the man power to take on any more projects. The department is not getting the work load completed they currently have. If a project is added, it will take someone to maintain the items and before any new items are added staffing and workloads need to be addressed.

Community Park – The tire swing and subcontracting the installation was discussed. The Wiffle Ball group would take care of the maintenance and repairs.

Gazebo Park – The sprinkler system was discussed and that some areas need to be adjusted. The splash pad was discussed and will be brought back at the January 2013 meeting.

Ampe Park – The scorer field was discussed and the field needs a sprinkler system. The Soccer Club is currently watering it manually; however, they have not been able to keep up. The Soccer Club will need to retain some funding to support the sprinkler system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.