

**MINUTES
PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

JANUARY 8, 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 was absent. Advisory Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Lee Schleper, Maintenance Worker.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Wimmer to election Dickhausen as Chair, Herzberg as Vice Chair, and Mergen as Secretary. Seconded by Ellis and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Wimmer to set the meetings for quarterly, the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

APPRECIATION GIFT

In appreciation for the work accomplished by the Park & Tree Board a tree (10-12' Autumn Spire Maple) was donated by Kay McDaniel.

VETERANS PARK RESERVATION FEES

The City has received two requests to waive the \$156.88 fee. One from Serenity Path and the second from Community Education for the Summer In The Park Concert series. These were presented to the City Council and the Council asked that the Park & Tree Board review the fees and make a recommendation. There was a lengthy discussion with several views expressed:

- The building has costs associated with operation and the City needs to cover the operational costs.
- The shelter was constructed for the community and the non-profits are all doing a service for the community; drawing people into the community and the City should be encouraging their usage, not making it more difficult; therefore, the civic groups should not be charged.
- The Concert in the Park was started by a recommendation of the Design Team to utilize the Park, if the non-profits had to pay \$100.00 each time they would likely move to a shelter with no charge.

Motion was made by Ellis to keep the policy as is (where all entities pay) and any waiver request would be reviewed by the Park & Tree Board. Seconded by Herzberg and passed (Wimmer and Gilmore abstained).

Motion was made by Herzberg to allow the Paynesville Community Education to use the Veterans Park Shelter kitchen and outdoor seating at no cost; however, the City would be listed as a Concert Series Sponsor for the Summer Concert in the Park Series to be held Thursday evenings from 4 – 9 pm June 18, 2015 to July 16, 2015. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Ellis to approve waiving the Veterans Park Shelter fee of \$156.88 for the Serenity Path Festival – A Summertime Celebration of Hope and ask that the City be listed as a sponsor. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

PLAY SAFE KANGAROO JUMPER

Members liked the concept and requested more details on the unit.

NEW MEMBERS

New members were discussed; any potential candidate's names can be given to the Jeff Thompson, Eckerly, or Mergen.

SKATE PARK

Members discussed that this seems to be an activity that keeps being requested and it's too large for a teenager to take the lead on. Gilmore mentioned a person that may be willing to lead this type of project and will contact him/her.

COMMUNITY PARK SHELTER

Construction will commence on the shelter as soon as the weather allows.

VETERANS PARK BOAT LANDING

An agreement with the DNR for new concrete planks was reviewed.

Motion was made by Dickhausen to approve the Agreement with the DNR for the upgrade of the boat landing and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

It was also reported that a request has been made to the Sportsmen's Club to replace the dock at the boat landing. The City expects to hear back from them in March.

SPLASH PAD- PHASE TWO WOW FACTOR

Dickhausen presented the concept:

1. Featuring a water tower 20 feet in height with a 30 gallon bucket that dumps when full creating a 25 foot diameter splash zone.
2. Ring of water with 12 jets shooting simultaneously creating a circle of water, the nozzles are interchangeable to control the flow and spray pattern.

3. Rain tunnel, this is 10 jets creating a tunnel effect where participants can walk through tunnels of flowing water.

Members noted that that Board has discussed the phase two and this is a wow factor.

Motion was made by Wimmer to pursue the project and obtain price quotes for the project and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

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