

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 18, 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, Jonathan Truwe, Lee Schleper, and Renee Eckerly were absent. Advisory Member present was Ron Mergen, Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Ellis to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

VETERANS PARK

Ellis reported that the grass ditch between the parking lot and the road is being damaged by vehicles driving through the area. Something needs to be put up to prevent persons driving over the grass; possibly don't cut the grass.

GAZEBO PARK SPLASH PAD

Members discussed the fundraising options and strategies for the splash pad. There is currently \$1,200.00 committed and that Herzberg, Dickhausen, and Mergen were at the Paynesville Township Board meeting and the response was very positive. Other points of discussion were:

- Dickhausen presented a video he made of the splash pad being utilized and interviewed several kids and parents; this is to be shown on the local access channel
- On line donations
- Draft a letter to be sent to all local businesses in the City and Township and then follow that up with a phone call or personal visit
- A number of businesses and individuals were suggested to be contacted including the Legion, Lions, MasterMark, Ted's RV, Highline, etc.
- Dickhausen will meet with the Press to do a story and press release
- Flyers and donation cans at businesses
- Temperature gauge to show how much money has been raised

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for July 9, 2015 at noon.

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