

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

AUGUST 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Matt Dickhausen at 12:00 p.m. Members present were Len Gilmore, Jonathan Truwe, Nancy Ellis, John Wimmer, Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; and Neil Herzberg. Lee Schleper was absent. Advisory Member present was Ron Mergen, Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

MEMBER RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Wimmer to accept the resignation of Christine Schlangen and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

VETERANS PARK

Ellis expressed some concerns with the park including:

- Buckthorn in the wooded area
- Timing of the copper sulfate treatment
- Shrubs on the South end need some attention

COMMUNITY PARK

Parking Complaint - It was reported that the City received a complaint that residents were parking on private property and blocking the drive way. Board members suggested to contact the owners and post no parking signs.

Shelter - It was reported that the shelter is now complete; except for the landscaping which will be completed in the next few weeks.

Park Condition - The general condition of the park was mentioned; weeds growing in the track, weeds not trimmed around the buildings, etc.

GAZEBO PARK SPLASH PAD

A donation request letter was reviewed along with the poster of the layout. It was noted that a \$5,000.00 donation will be given if the donator can remain anonymous. Eckerly noted that they should send a money order payable to the "City of Paynesville Splash Pad". With those donations added total donations are over \$12,000.00 and the goal is \$20,000.00. Members reviewed a list of potential donors and volunteered to contact them asking for funding.

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