

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD**

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; and Lee Schleper. Absent were Christy Schlangen and Nancy Ellis. Also present were John Meed, Soccer Club, and Ric Koehn, Soccer Club.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2013 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

BEACH

The beach season was reviewed and comments were made on the very high usage again this season with the lifeguard crew being one of the best the City has had. The points that do need attention are as follows:

- The raft either needs major repairs or needs to be replaced as several kids have been cut and it's hard for the lifeguards to visually see around it at times. Staff will research costs for a new unit and bring it to the next meeting.
- The megaphone needs to be replaced.
- Venting in the restrooms; the Public Works Department will look into this improvement.

AMPE PARK SOCCER FIELD

Meed and Koehn presented the Soccer Club's proposal which included:

- The City would work the ground and seed one new soccer field at an estimated cost of \$3,200.00
- The City will purchase a traveling gun at an estimated cost of \$7,750.00.
- The Soccer Club's financial contribution will be \$6,000.00.
- The Soccer Club is committed to operating the traveling gun.
- The Soccer Club will purchase the goal posts/nets and supply the portable toilets.

Members discussed several issues including that the property line for parking needs to be identified so participants know where the private property starts. The operation of the watering gun was discussed noting it may take several passes and a minimum of 50 psi will be required. It was further reported that the events bring in a large number of participants and spectators which has been beneficial to the whole community. After a lengthy and positive discussion,

Motion was made by Gilmore to accept the Soccer Club's proposal to add one field, purchase a traveling gun, accept the \$6,000.00 donation from the Soccer Club, and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

SPLASH PAD

Members discussed the issues with the splash pad, the many compliments, high usage of the facility, and the fact the park is being utilized. A second phase was questioned, does the Board want new features added to this pad or does the Board want a completely new pad. Members all agreed the idea would be to have another pad and try to keep one for the younger age group. Dickhausen will research another pad and bring his findings back to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY PARK LAYOUT

A concept plan was presented with the following amenities being added:

- Move trees and create a grass parking area, the trees would be located within the park and one at the library
- 24x36 shelter and restroom with outlets to support a kitchen like area
- Playground expansion
- 50x60 basketball court
- Fitness obstacle course

Members discussed each improvement and noted the park is being utilized and the improvements are warranted.

Motion was made by Herzberg to add the suggestions to the Park Comprehensive Plan and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by McDaniel and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Dickhausen to relocate the trees this fall and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

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