

MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD

OCTOBER 4, 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, Len Gilmore, and Nancy Ellis. Ron Mergen was also present. Christly Schlangen, Lee Schleper, and Renee Eckerly were absent.

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2012 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

It was reported that the downtown plans now are not to have any major project until 2024. With that information it was questioned if members want the water repaired to the planters by Bank of the West and Paynesville Total Entertainment at the cost of approximately \$10,000.00. Members all concurred no; just make the repairs and tree replacements as needed.

PARKS

Community Park – Playground equipment was discussed. A plan will be put together for the next meeting on the tire swing and tire crawl area. Also discussed was the shelter and the grass underneath it. Members suggested that this should be concrete to reduce the maintenance and the need to move the picnic tables each time the City mows.

Motion was made by Herzberg to pour a concrete pad under the shelter at the Community Park at the estimated cost of \$3,000.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Ellis and unanimously carried.

Gazebo Park – There was good attendance at the movie in the park. It was reported that the grass is in good condition since the sprinkler system was installed. The splash pad was discussed with a more detailed design and cost estimate to be presented at the next meeting.

Ampe Park – It was reported that the soccer club is contemplating another field; however, at this time no plans have been brought forward. Members felt there is a need for an improved sprinkler system and more parking.

Veterans Park - It was suggested that the lifeguard questionnaire be revised with three questions:

- What did you like?
- What did you dislike?
- What would you do different to improve the facility?

The Board also discussed the shelter reservations (about 30) and the weeds growing on shore; this was due to the low lake levels.

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