

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 7, 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.

**Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2013 Special Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by McDaniel and unanimously carried.**

**FISHING PIER**

Wimmer reported the West Central Dark House Association is proposing a fishing pier be installed at Veterans Park. Members discussed if the beach would be large enough to support the swimming area and a fishing pier; the consensus was that it would work. The Board would help with funding for the pier. The DNR would also need to support the project. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Gilmore to support the fishing pier and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

**AMPE PARK**

It was reported that the seeding has been completed for two additional fields. City employees provided the labor to keep the project cost down. The water line will need to be installed next spring and a price for such will be presented at one of the next meetings.

**SPLASH PAD**

Dickhausen presented a concept plan for Phase 2. The plan calls for approximately an additional 600 square feet of concrete area with similar spray amenities. This would allow an area for different age groups to be utilizing the pad at the same time. The estimated cost is \$21,600.00. Members discussed the cost, timing, schedule, funding, and possible donations; either a donation box or a sign with a funding goal to start the project off. It was questioned if the park has enough room in the existing building for all the controls. Staff will have the Building Inspector look at the site to determine what changes may need to happen.

**COMMUNITY PARK**

Eckerly updated the Board on the property east of the Community Park which is up on Sheriff's Auction.

The trees have been relocated in the area of the proposed parking area and a restroom design was discussed. Staff will bring a proposed design with a cost estimate to the next meeting.

## **DOG PARK**

It was reported that there has been a request for a dog park again. Members discussed that previously there was no support for a dog park. It was also discussed to utilize the storm water pond by the Community Park. This would work well if the City attains the property next to it.

## **RAFT**

Several different designs were presented, aluminum, plastic, wood, etc. Members all agreed on the need to upgrade the raft or replace it. The current size is 16' X 20'. Staff will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

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