

**MINUTES
PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Matt Dickhausen at 12:00 p.m. Members present were John Wimmer, Jonathan Truwe, Len Gilmore, and Jerome Feigum. Nancy Ellis and Alicia LaBeau were absent. Advisory Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Lee Schleper, Maintenance Worker.

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Gilmore to elect Dickhausen as Chair, Truwe as Vice Chair, and Mergen as Secretary. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Gilmore to set the meetings for the same as last year; quarterly (February, April, July, and October) on the first Thursday at 12:00 noon. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

VETERANS PARK – SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Dickhausen reviewed his letter requesting the usage of the shelter. Members all concurred that this is a very positive activity.

Motion was made by Gilmore to allow Paynesville Community Education to use the Veterans Park Shelter kitchen and outdoor seating at no cost; however, the City would be listed as a Concert Series Sponsor for the Summer Concert in the Park Series to be held Thursday evenings from 4 – 9 pm June 20, 2019 – July 11, 2019 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

COMMUNITY PARK SHELTER RENT

The Community Park shelter sees minimal usage and the members do not see a need to have reservations or a rental fee.

Motion was made by Truwe to not take reservations for the Community Park Shelter. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

It was suggested that the City find a group or individual to maintain several of the downtown planters. The planters were discussed as they do add aesthetics to the area and need to be maintained. The City provides the plants and does the watering. Whomever volunteers needs to

do the planting and weeding. Gilmore volunteered to maintain three of the planters. Eckerly will plant and maintain the City Hall planter.

PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

It was suggested to set up a sub-committee to meet with vendors and select playground equipment and to determine which parks to add the equipment to. Members that volunteered to be on the sub-committee were Alicia LaBeau, Matt Dickhausen and Jonathan Truwe.

SLEDDING HILL

A map of a proposed sledding hill was presented. The Board discussed that the hill would be 20ft. in height with 4 to 1 slopes on half and 3 to 1 slopes of the other half with a 15ft. x 30ft. flat area on the top. Members discussed different design configurations trying to make it more than just a hill. The estimated cost for construction of the site, black dirt, and seeding, is \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Members stated that the City has other higher priority items that the money should be utilized on. It was suggested to check with other communities and tour other parks. All members agreed that the BMX track needs a major makeover and the City should put a cost estimate together for improving and moving the track. It was mentioned that the City would be duplicating what the community has at the Golf course (Killer Hill). It was suggested to talk with the golf course if sledding is ever an issue. In conclusion it was consented to not proceed with the sledding hill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.45 p.m.