

## **MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 4, 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 Alicia LaBeau. Nancy Ellis and Jerome Feigum were absent. Advisory Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Lee Schleper, Maintenance Worker.

**Motion was made by Truwe to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

### **2019 LIFEGUARDS**

Members were updated on the lifeguards. It was noted the contracts were presented to Paynesville Township and the Koronis Lake Association with the increased wage scale, advertising, uniforms, and training costs. Once the City knows they are on board the City will advertise for the lifeguard positions.

### **CITY TREE LIST**

Wimmer reviewed each tree noting its qualities or defects. The list will be modified according to these recommendations. There was also discussion on Emerald Ash Bore and tree plantings in the boulevard. Wimmer noted that at one point, as a cost saving measure, the City had an ordinance that did not allow trees to be planted in the boulevard. The City may want to review this again and offer incentives for residents to plant trees on private property and not in the boulevard.

Emerald Ash Bore - It was reported that the City has about 100 – 150 trees between the parks and boulevards. There are up to 1000 trees in the City. If the disease shows up here the trees will have several options, debarked, burned or chipped all of which will cost money. The Department of Ag. will dictate the guidelines.

### **PARK EQUIPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

The sub-committee looked at Veterans Park, AMPE Park and Gazebo Park and prioritized the Gazebo and Veterans Park looking at the cost of equipment and the budget. The concept which the Committee is pursuing at Gazebo Park is a Fit Core or fitness course. This is something the school does not have and members felt it would fit in well with the splash pad. The sub-committee will be meeting with two vendors on April 11<sup>th</sup> and will bring a recommendation forth after that.

### **SPLASH PAD AMENITIES**

Dickhausen mentioned that the Board had previously discussed changing amenities on the splash pad. He presented a rain blaster at a cost of \$4,700.00 and a flower shower at the cost of \$1,350.00. It was well received, members suggested to bring it back to the next meeting to give members time to research other amenities.

## CITY TREE LIST

<u>Small Trees</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Medium Trees</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Large Trees</u>
Amur or Tatatian Maple	20'-25'	15'	Little Leaf Linden	40'	30'	American Elm
Flowering Crab Tree	15'-25'	8'-20'	Matador Maple	45'	30'	American Linden
Japanese Lilac	25'	25'	Northern Acclaim Locust	40'	35'	Autumn Blaze Maple
Korean Maple	15'	10'	Norway Maple	40'-60'	35'-50'	Autumn Spire Maple
Princess Kay Plum	15'	10'	Prairie Stature Oak	35'	25'	Black Hills Spruce
Showy Mt. Ash	25'	20'	Sunburst Locust	35'	30'	Bur oak
Thornless Hawthorn	20'	20'				Emerald Lustre Maple
						Firefall
						Frontyard Linden
						Hackberry
						Northern Pin Oak
						Pine Trees
						Red Maple
						Sienna Glen Maple
						Sugar maple
						Swamp White Oak
						Triumph American Linden

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.