

MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING

MAY 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Matt Dickhausen at 12:00 p.m. Members present were John Wimmer, Deb Michalski, Alicia LaBeau, Jerome Feigum, and Len Gilmore. Jonathan Truwe was 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 April 2, 2020 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

EMERALD ASH BORE

Members viewed the Ash trees in Gazebo Park. There are approximately 15 Ash trees in the park. At the previous meeting it was suggested to start removing and replacing them. It was noted that some grant assistance may be available in the form of a DNR grant. There are three areas:

- Tree Inventory
- Tree removal
- Replacement trees

Staff was directed to investigate the tree grants.

HAND WASH STATIONS

It was reported that the hand wash stations have been ordered.

COVID-19

Members discussed the following areas:

- Parks and Park Equipment – members discussed keeping them open. It was noted that the parks and restrooms should remain open. The playground equipment would follow the Governor's directives. Currently the City has signage posted that the playground equipment is not to be utilized. The school playground equipment is currently open for public use.

PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Parties with current reservations were sent letters informing them of the possibility that the Veterans Park facility may not be open due to COVID-19. It was suggested to follow the Governor's directive.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

It was discussed to continue with the concert in the park at this time (since the concerts don't start until mid-June) and suggest to concertgoers to social distance from one another.

PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Members toured the park noting the beautiful condition the park is in. The focus for the future is the Gazebo. It was suggested to add:

- Skylight
- Steel roof
- Better access ramp
- Some type of wind block on the north-west side

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