

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING**

AUGUST 8, 2019

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

Motion was made by Wimmer to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 and July 8, 2019 Park & Tree Board meetings. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

MEMBER VACANCY

The passing of Nancy Ellis was noted and in commemoration of her longevity on the Board the Board discussed a tree planting or a memorial bench. Prices and concepts will be brought to the next meeting. In addition, to fill the vacancy Deb Michalski has expressed interest in serving on the Board. Michalski's summer home is the property just north of the boat landing.

Motion was made by Truwe to appoint Deb Michalski to the Park & Tree Board and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

VETERANS PARK

The Board reviewed Veterans Park:

- The new playground equipment looks good, except the tree will likely die due to the roots being removed
- The old swing sets will be removed and grass planted in its place
- There was discussion on the beach usage, with no lifeguards the swimming has also declined
- The Board discussed the fishing pier and reducing the size of the swimming area
- Members should visit other parks and beach areas to conduct some research as all members were open to ideas
- A gas grill was suggested to be purchased for the Veterans Park Shelter
- Removal of several trees around the East shelter was suggested
- Members noted the Board should meet in each park once per summer

TREE LIST

An updated tree list was presented noting several corrections. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the tree list with the noted corrections and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

2019 STREET PROJECT TREES

It was reported that on the 2019 Street Project the City removed 53 trees and in past projects the City had some type of tree replacement program. It was suggested to issue a voucher up to \$200.00 whereas the tree must be planted on the addressed property. It was also discussed not to have the trees planted on the boulevards to save future labor, potential damage to the curb or sidewalks and the liability of the tree is on the property owner and not the City.

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve a tree replacement program for the trees (53) that were removed on the 2019 Street Project with a voucher up to \$200.00 per tree; valid at any City nursery. The new trees, must be planted on the addressed property and not in the street right of way/boulevard and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Wimmer and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 12:40 p.m.