

MINUTES PARK & TREE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 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, Alicia LaBeau, and Jerome Feigum (came late). Deb Michalski was absent. Advisory Members present were Lee Schleper, Maintenance Worker; Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator.

Motion was made by Gilmore to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 Park & Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Truwe and unanimously carried.

PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Members discussed the new equipment and noted the positive comments from the residents. The older swing set at Veterans Park was discussed and it should be removed or remove the sand and add a boarder and wood mulch. Members agreed it should not be removed as it is utilized when the shelter is rented. The improvements will be made next spring.

NANCY ELLIS MEMORIAL BENCH

It was suggested to ask Avon Plastics for enough Rhino decking and the school would do the laser cutting, engraving etc. Staff will coordinate with Matt Dickhausen on this once the material is acquired.

REVIEW PARK SEASON - SUGGESTIONS AND FUTURE IDEAS

Veterans Park had 28 reservations with very positive comments of how wonderful the place is and how nice it is to host events there.

The Gazebo had about five reservations. Reservations will likely increase next year due to the new playground equipment. Ideas at Gazebo Park included:

- It was noted the Lions Club might be interested in assisting on some improvements
- Members discussed the Gazebo and noted it is a very difficult structure to add on to or do anything with
- Possibly paint the railings a different color

Community Park – Public Works staff is placing black dirt around the BMX track to create a mowable slope on the track, this should be accomplished this fall. Also discussed at Community Park was the following:

- Paint the restrooms a lighter color
- Install basketball hoops
- Shingle the open shelter and install metal on the ceiling
- Investigate the liabilities of a Dog Park as it was noted the storm water pond is already being utilized as a dog park

Ideas for AMPE Park:

- With the soccer fields being utilized a restroom and shelter is a top priority. It was asked if the soccer club would also contribute

Other Items:

- Security cameras have been purchased for Gazebo and Veterans Parks
- It was suggested to invite a Lions club member to the next meeting to help understand the scope of work they are willing to take on
- Also discussed was to have a Yard of the Month, to help inspire residents to beautify their yards; Eckerly will bring back information on this as the City did this in the past

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