

PARK/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – April 30, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Keller, Andy Harvala, Tim Eiler, Hayden Cordell, Council Liaison Robert Smestad

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Clerk Kristine DeBoer

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Eiler and seconded by Harvala to approve the minutes from 04/09/2024 Parks & Planning Commission Meeting. All aye 4/0

MEMORIAL PARK – LIONS/LEGIONS MEMORIAL WALKWAY PROPOSED PLANTINGS - SUPERIOR LANDSCAPE PLAN:

Keller reported that along with the plantings shown on the drawing, there will also be a boulder on each side of the walkway. One side will have a placard for the Lions and the other side will have a placard for the Legion. Volunteers will be watering the area all summer. Continuing maintenance for on-gong care will be the Lions along with Superior. Superior Landscaping will be installing the plants.

Motion made by Eiler and seconded by Cordell to approve the plantings at the Memorial Walkway. All aye 4/0

OTHER BUSINESS:

04-03-2024 LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING (FYI)

04-03-2024 COUNCIL MEETING (FYI)

04-11-2024 QUARTERLY WORKSHOP (FYI)

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS/NEXT MEETING:

BONIFACE FIELD ARBORVITAE: CORDELL UPDATE ON TRIMMING:

Cordell will complete his trimming of the trees within the next two weeks.

It has been suggested that the fence be moved in so that the trees do not need to be trimmed as much. Public Works has measured the line from the back of home plate to the current fence and it is 255'. Requirements for softball leagues are as follows:

Babe Ruth 6-18 yrs	200' center field 200'
Little League 7-17 yrs	180' center field 225'
Slow Pitch adult & 11-14 yrs	225' center field 225'
Slow Pitch 17-21 yrs	300' center field 300' (unable to play at this field)
Slow Pitch 15-16 yrs	250' center field 250'

Public Works recommendation is to remove current fence. The gate has fallen off (safety issue) and weeds and such are holding it up in places. This fence is not reusable. They suggested installing a fence at sides and centerfield at 240' without a gate at centerfield. Did not feel gate was necessary.

Consensus of commission was to review further during the park tour.

CITY PURCHASED THREE TREES FROM HENNEPIN COUNTY:

The city purchased 3 trees – Oak White, Kentucky Coffee Tree Espresso, and Black Gum Northern Splendor to be placed at Wilbur Thurk Memorial Park, Shirley Logelin Memorial Park and Pauly Park. Harvala suggested putting the Black Gum Northern Splendor in the Wilbur Thurk Memorial Park as it is a messy tree. Otherwise leave it up to Public Works for placement.

PARK TOUR UPDATE AND SCHEDULE SPRING PARK TOUR

Tour scheduled this evening postponed due to weather. Tour has been rescheduled for May 28th following meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Cordell and seconded by Eiler to adjourn. All aye 4/0

6:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine DeBoer, Assistant Clerk