



PARK BOARD MINUTES
March 2, 2021

The Park Board met virtually on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. using GoToMeeting online and teleconference capabilities.

PRESENT: Lorelei Gibson, Mary Pat Williams, Britton Norden, Caroline Wagstaff, Louise Allen, Mary Ann Powell, Sally Ott, Lynne Devins

ALSO PRESENT: Andy Weed; City Councilmember; Dave Heinen, Heinen Landscape and Irrigation; Jesse Kirk, City Arborist; Jesse Kirk, City Arborist; Justin Carroll, Assistant City Administrator; and Jennifer Lee, Assistant City Administrator

At 12:33 p.m. Ms. Gibson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the October 6, 2020 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Ms. Gibson noted that the maintenance reports from Dave Heinen, John McLenon, Jesse Kirk and Jennifer Lee were included in the meeting packet. Since the Park Board has already had a chance to review that information, Ms. Gibson asked if there were any maintenance related questions.

Mr. Heinen noted that crews have started clean up, are applying pre-emergent and have removed the statuary covers.

Mr. Kirk noted that the pruning of Indian Hills Homes Association is wrapping up. The City is scheduled to plant approximately 65 trees, including several along the 69th St. stretch along the Indian Hills Country Club driving range. Five of these trees are part of a project being undertaken by local high school students who are part of National Honor Society. These will be coming from Forrest Keeling and planted in Peetwood and Hiawasee Park as well as Nature Island. Mrs. Ott requested that these be labeled and include a blurb in Mr. Kirk's Columns article.

Ms. Lee discussed the Tomahawk SBC and the fountain at Verona Columns. Gunter Construction is completing the work and Paul Benson is overseeing the repairs to the statuary. Mrs. Norden inquired as to how the town halls regarding the SBC were attended. Ms. Lee reported that attendance was generally good, as approximately 30 people attended each virtual meeting.

TEAM REPORTS

MHHC

Mrs. Norden reported that there are no new developments. Their team is looking at statuary for Pembroke Circle, as well as Colonial Court on 59th St. Ms. Wagstaff noted they have considered dividing the McLiney statue and using the top in one location and the base elsewhere. Ms. Gibson offered to follow up with Ms. Orr, and if Ms. Orr has not returned by the last week of April she volunteered to do the drive around with Ms. Norden and Ms. Wagstaff.

TRHA

Ms. Allen reported that the TRHA Park Board members met with Robert Whitman a Landscape Architect for Gould Evans. He has designed islands for Prairie Village. The group met at Eisenhower Pond regarding the landscaping along the western shoreline along Ensley. Mr. Kirk noted that the Belzers are still not interested in donating that section of land to the City but are still open to the City landscaping it. Mr. Weed said that we may be approaching the Belzers too aggressively and that we need to re-address our approach. Mrs. Gibson suggested we table the Eisenhower Pond discussion.

IHHA

Mrs. Powell provided an update for the island at Wenonga Rd. and Wenonga Terrace – last year, everything was removed from the island, including the mature crabapple. Ochsner Hare & Hare originally provided a design that the team felt was uninspired. The team has met with Robert Whitman from Gould Evans and would like to request an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for design drawings by Mr. Whitman. Ms. Powell made the motion, and Ms. Ott seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Powell mentioned the stone work at 64th and Indian Lane. Ms. Lee noted that the City has hired a stonemason to address that stone work. Ms. Powell noted that the homes association has expressed interest in perhaps seeing irrigation added to Lion Island (Wenonga Rd. and Seneca Ln.). Mr. Heinen said he would get a cost estimate together. Ms. Lee noted that Indian Hills Homes Association has contributed to irrigation systems in the past. The team also asked if Mr. Heinen will prepare a cost estimate for irrigation on the island at Verona and Norwood Rd.

Ms. Gibson stated that the master plan for IHHA has been created, and MHHC and TRHA teams should think about their master plans for 2021-2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects for 2021-2022 Master Plan – IHHA, TRHA, MHHC

See Team Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Indian Hills Country Club Landscape Screening of Parking Lots

The club is interested in this project. The current maples and white pines in the right of way along the club property are at the end of their lifecycle. Several of the poorest trees were recently removed. Mr. Kirk will call Jeff White with IHCC to schedule a meeting. The club can help with installation labor and would like to work with the Park Board on a planting plan or design. The number one priority is safety, Mr. Kirk will consult with the PVPD regarding sight line issues.

Ms. Allen noted that the TRHA team is still interested in beautifying the south end of Eisenhower Pond to improve view for passersby and drivers. Additionally, they would like to improve the view of the culvert area when you are Ensley Lane or at 63rd and Ensley. The TRHA team will set up a meeting to continue discussions on the topic of improving what the City owns.

Ms. Gibson asked each team to please complete their spring drive arounds.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 12:30 pm. This will be a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

_____/s/ Jesse Kirk
Jesse Kirk
City Arborist