



PARK BOARD MINUTES  
May 7, 2021

The Park Board met virtually on Friday, May 7, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. using GoToMeeting online and teleconference capabilities.

PRESENT: Lorelei Gibson, Mary Pat Williams, Susan Pierson, Louise Allen, Mary Ann Powell, Sally Ott, Sharon Orr, Lynn Devins

ALSO PRESENT: Andy Weed, City Councilmember/ Park Board Chair; Bill Bruning, City Councilmember; Dave Heinen, Heinen Landscape and Irrigation; Jesse Kirk, City Arborist; Justin Carroll, Assistant City Administrator

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

**Approval of the April 6th, 2021 Minutes**

The minutes were approved unanimously with a couple of grammatical errors.

**MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

Mr. Heinen: Mrs. Gibson asked about “guidance and expectations” on the creek banks in the parks. Mr. Heinen replied that they were recently mowed. When asked Mr. Weed commented that they looked great. Ms. Gibson asked Mr. Heinen if the boxwoods along 63<sup>rd</sup> near Indian Ln. have been replaced before. Mr. Heinen replied yes, they’ll be pulled again next week and replaced this fall, it’s a tough spot because of salt and desiccation. Ms. Williams noted that there are lots of dandelions in Belinder Crescent. Mr. Heinen stated that because of wind they’ve been able to start spraying weeds but haven’t been able to get to all locations yet. Ms. Pierson asked about the crabapple on Five Urn Island, Mr. Kirk stated that it was scheduled for removal due to storm damage and general decline. Ms. Pierson asked if everyone had read the note from the Mayor, suggested that you read it if you haven’t.

Mr. Carroll mentioned that Verona Columns isn’t currently running but will be soon. The fountain at City Hall has a leak but we likely have a temporary solution to get it through the season.

## **TEAM REPORTS**

### *MHHC*

Ms. Orr and Mr. McClenon met at Sunken Garden and discussed adding a willow, adding ginger to wet areas. She asked if a willow was approved last year, Ms. Gibson responded that yes it was. Also there are weeds present around the hydrangeas. Mr. McClenon is looking into getting pink roses. Also more muscari are needed at the Mission Dr. and Brookwood Rd. island. No MHHC team members were present on the call but Ms. Gibson reported that she had completed a drive around with Ms. Norden and Ms. Wagstaff but would defer to Ms. Orr on what issues needed to be addressed.

### *TRHA*

Ms. Williams mentioned that Ms. Allen had recently sent along the proposal for funding for Eisenhower Pond that is going to be sent to the homes association. Mr. Bruning noted that he had a meeting with the homes association President, the homes association will likely be contributing \$9,000 to the project.

### *IHHA*

Ms. Powell reported that the IHHA board met Monday earlier this week and approved up to \$40,000 in funds for the Wenonga Rd./Wenonga Terr. Island. Their one condition regarding the contribution was that we receive at least two bids for the landscaping portion of the project. Five urn island still needs a couple of yews and boxwoods replaced. \$1,900 is needed to finish the project. \$9,400 was approved last summer, we need to look and see what funding may be left for Five Urn. Ms. Lee indicated that \$6,500 was spend last summer so that new funds will cover the cost of re-planting and removing the crabapple.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Eisenhower Pond- Covered by Ms. Allen's proposal.
- Indian Hill Country Club- Mr. Weed reported that in his discussions regarding the parking lot screening he's been very clear not to commit any City funds to the project. This may end up being a creative financing situations with several participants/donors. Homes association boards have made some significant contributions to Park Board projects recently, be sure to let them know it's appreciated. Mr. Bruning suggested adding additional landscaping along the lower parking lot and Ms. Gibson agreed.
- Tree Ordinance Review- Mr. Carroll announced that at the last City Council meeting the Mayor requested that the Park Board review Prairie Village's newly adopted ordinances pertaining to trees. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Carroll have reviewed the ordinances and feel that we may as well go all in in updating ours. Mr. Kirk gave a synapses of our current ordinances and how we approach current substantial construction projects. Mr. Bruning suggested possibly better define a tear down process to better catch projects that harm trees as well as updating the fine structure as the current fines are not much of a deterrent. Mr. Carroll said that detailing and substantiating fines will be part of the discussion. Ms. Gibson suggested including a summary of the discussion in the next

newsletter. Mr. Carroll mentioned that we're thinking of producing a brochure or informational packed to provide to new residents as well as people applying for certain construction permits. Mr. Weed opined that it's good we're approaching this analytically as there was some push back regarding private property rights several years ago. Ms. Pierson suggested educating local real estate agents so that they can help manage new resident's expectations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 at 12:30 pm. This will be a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Mr. Jesse Kirk  
Mr. Jesse Kirk  
Arborist/Parks Coordinator