



PARK BOARD MINUTES
June 1, 2021

The Park Board met virtually on Tuesday June 1, 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, Dick Fanolio, Britton Norden, 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 12:32 p.m. Ms. Gibson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the April 6th, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously with Dave asking for guidance regarding the past meeting's minutes.

MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Generally breezed over Maintenance reports to jump into team discussions.

Jesse Kirk (Arborist)- Will do a hard prune on the large Colonial Court whitebud to minimize the difference between the recently planted one. Will flag two crabapple options on five urn island.

TEAM REPORTS

MHHC

Ms. Gibson started by noting that the sod at the Columns looks great. Perhaps Ms. Orr and Dave should meet at Sunken Garden to discuss a plan. Dave stated that the east end is less of a concern than the rest of the hillside. The hillside is where a plan to refer to would be helpful. All the competing material from the new and previous plantings is what makes it appear weedy. Ms. Orr stated she has a plan that she can send over and that we should continue to add daffodils annually as well as a dappled willow at south east end. Ms. Orr, Ms. Norden and Ms. Wagstaff will meet to discuss what to retain. Ms. Orr questioned who is responsible for general

maintenance of the beds and Dave stated that when John Mclenon installs annual he maintains those spaces. Heinen's team takes care of the remaining spaces. Ms. Orr stated that we have needed to replace several yews and boxwoods at Colonial Ct., State Line Rd. and Nature Island where the plants were allowed to get to big. Dave mentioned it would be helpful if you indicated these things on your drive around notes. Generally, they do the hard pruning during the dormant season. It's challenging on islands 26 and 27 due to the double rows of yews, boxwoods and the short monument. Ms. Orr stated that the ones on Colonial Court are hiding the stonework. Dave volunteered to remove.

Ms. Norden pointed out that there's a tree on island 70 (Drury and High) that looks to be in poor health. Also the boxwoods on island 64 need leveling up.

Ms. Orr moved on to the prospect of adding a bench to Nature Island, currently there are a couple of stone benches without backs. Ms. McConnell wants to honor her husband John with a memorial bench at the west side of the island near Mission Dr.

TRHA

During the MHHC discussion as to who maintains what areas, Ms. Pierson inquired who is responsible for cleaning up the area at 64th and Mission Rd. Dave stated that if they've been switched over to annuals, John handles it. Ms. Pierson asked that all but the mandevilla be removed and Dave said he would take care of it.

Ms. Gibson started by asking when the aerators were most necessary. Jesse responded, mostly during the hot, dry periods of the summer to avoid the water becoming stagnated. Dave noted that they put in new different aerators than were there previously and without these features the water quality had substantially worsened this summer. Ms. Allen questioned where we were at with the proposal for Tomahawk Roads Homes Association. Justin stated that the TRHA team had been given 1/3 of the remaining Park Board budget at the last meeting. Ms. Allen asked if the \$11,500 bid included pulling and moving the grasses in the corner. Dave verified it did. Ms. Allen suggested we wait to transplant these and apply the rest to the plantings. Dave and Jesse suggested removing all but the iris and lily pads and starting from there as everything else is weeds. Questions moved to trimming the bush and yew, property lines and soil depth over the spillway. Dave said that since there is less than 2' of soil above the spillway it freezes and is difficult to grow anything on. Ms. Williams asked what could be done about the weeds on the west side along Ensley. Jesse stated that without irrigation they out compete the grasses. Ms. Pierson suggested a ground cover but currently this isn't the City's property to plant.

Ms. Devins suggested changing the name of Nymph Island to Sante Fe Trail Park in honor of its history. She also noted that it needs weeding and cleaning. She also suggested moving the Fisher Boy from Four Seasons island to Eisenhower and put the statue donated by the Donohue's in its place.

Ms. Williams reported that the irrigation line on Belinder Crescent has been cut and the honeylocust need trimmed. The sunpatiens at Belinder and 70th Terr. look hodgpodghey and everything else needs cleared out. And the sign at Overhill and Arno Rd. is so faded it can hardly be read. Also the yews at 70th Terr. And Overhill Rd. were removed because they were dying.

Considering removing all yews and just going with boxwoods instead. Dave said he would provide estimates for both options.

Ms. Allen noted that the boxwoods and yews at High Dr. and 67th Terr. Are hiding the statuary and need trimmed as well.

IHHA

Ms. Pierson inquired whether we had received a bill from Rosehill for replacing boxwood, Justin responded that we had. Ms. Ott mentioned that not all the islands along Tomahawk Rd. are consistent, some contain alium and some don't.

Ms. Powell pointed out that there is one lone boxwood on Flag Island that needs removed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Wenonga Rd./Wenonga Terrace Island- The design for the island has been finalized, we're just waiting on ARB approval before the stone mason gets started. Ms. Gibson stated that the Indian Hills Homes Association has approved \$40,000 in funding for the project.
- Tree Protection Ordinance- Ms. Orr suggested when educating homeowners and realtors possibly leave out penalties and instead direct them to the website for the full ordinance.
Ms. Allen suggested keeping it simple and having something with bullet points.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 12:30 pm. This will be a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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