



Minutes

Park Board

Ms. Gibson, Ms. Ott, Ms. Allen, Ms. Norden, Ms. Knighton, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Summers, Ms. Orr, Ms. Wagstaff, Councilman Bruning, Dave Heinen (Heinen Lawn and Irrigation), John McLenon (Rosehill), Justin Carroll (Assistant City Administrator), Jesse Kirk (City Arborist)

September 6th, 2022, at 12:32 Meeting called to order

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes from June 7th, 2022- All-in favor.

-Ms. Summers introduced.

III. Maintenance Reports

A. Dave Heinen, Grounds Maintenance Contract- Nothing new to add to the report included in the packet. Ms. Pierson asked about annuals at the 64th St. and Indian Ln. island. Dave reported that's there's no irrigation. Possibly we could add drought tolerant annuals and add them to the miscellaneous watering schedule.

B. John McLenon, Rosehill Gardens – The annuals are peaking so report any changes you would like to see for next year. Discussion moved to which fountains need repair; according to Paul Benson the one at State Line Rd. and Brookwood Rd. needs replumbed and cleaned. The fountain at 55th St. and Mission Dr. needs re-cast.

C. Jesse Kirk, City Arborist- Have been spraying multiple locations throughout the city trying to get poison ivy, honeysuckle, johnson grass, and volunteer tree species in check. Discussion moved to the updated Tree Protection Ordinance, Mr. Kirk summarized what it includes and noted it's limitations. Mission Hills Homes Company is set to be pruned starting in January of 2023. We are also going out to bid for raising the red maples along Belinder Ave. from 63rd St. to Tomahawk Rd.

IV. Old Business-

- A.** Colonial Court Fountain Update- Have received the \$25,000 check from insurance. The replacement fountain is 8' across.
- B.** Eisenhower Pond Update- Have started utilizing a combination of skimming and herbicide. The City Council is looking at long term solutions to improve water quality including dredging.



V. Team and Special Project Reports

A. Tomahawk Roads Homes Association (TRHA)- Ms. Allen questioned what to do with the shepherd boy and fisher boy statues. Dave opined that adding a pedestal to the fisher boy statue on the island in Eisenhower Pond would increase his visibility. He also noted that the lights should be working but we'll check the photocell.

-No progress has been made regarding the feasibility of irrigation on that south end of the pond.

-Regarding annuals, selections will likely stay the same.

-Four seasons island is a mess right now but will be getting repaired as restoration from the Tomahawk project comes through.

B. Mission Hills Homes Company (MHHC) – Ms. Orr commented the sunpatiens at Kauffman and Old Riss Islands are looking great. This winter we will debate whether stone walls would benefit Kauffman Island. Sunken garden needs additional weeding. Mrs. Orr suggested that raising HOA dues may be a good idea, Mr. Bruning suggested checking the by-laws as they may be prohibitive. Mr. Carroll added that the City Council is set to approve \$25,000 for miscellaneous large parks projects. This money may be used for playground equipment or other large expenditures, but they will also take into consideration other projects the Park Board has in mind. Ms. Gibson added that on average the homes associations have approximately \$90,000 sitting in their accounts, it may be better to solicit them for project money ahead of raising dues.

It was questioned as to whether we needed to keep the boy scout wishing well as it's deteriorating and needs significant work.

Discussion moved to Sunken Garden and how the fountain height is set as well as pink roses that Rosehill owes us.

C. Indian Hills Homes Association (IHHA) – Ms. Pierson asked if it would be a good idea to add an annual bed at 63rd St. and Belinder Ave, how would that affect our budget?

Ms. Pierson questioned where we were at regarding screening the parking lots of the Indian Hills Country Club. Mr. Bruning added that there had been an understanding that the city and the Club would split the cost of the project. Mr. Carroll added that we went above and beyond to take care of them during the Tomahawk construction and he has reached out to re-initiate the conversation.



VI. New Business

- A. Parks Statuary Database- Our intern has created a comprehensive statuary inventory where we can document history, damage, and necessary repairs.
- B. New City Hall Greenspace – Considering a stormwater retention garden to demonstrate the cost share program with the county. Mr. Kirk added that it would be great to incorporate landscaping in that area the appeals to children since the school walks by there often to use the playground area.
- C. Bulbs Reminder- Get your bulb orders in!
- D. New Directory- Will reach out to Ginny Beall with TRHA to see when that’s coming out. Will also investigate utilizing it as a way to better educate residents to City Policy.
- E. Stop Sign at 63rd St. and Belinder Ave.- Mr. Carroll, it’s been discussed but the traffic control officer has advised against putting a stop sign at the top of a hill.
- F. Next meeting October 4th, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns at 2:03, See you in October!