

PARK20230802-1
UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Terry Wagner at 6:30 p.m.

Excused – Glenn Herold, James Schara, Paul Rushing

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Anderson stated that the only big increase from last year was staff wages for Summer Playground Camp. Vice-Chairperson Wagner inquired what the increase was. Chandler Steffen stated that the increase is from \$11-\$12 per hour to \$14. Vice-Chairperson Wagner inquired if the budget had gone to the Common Council yet. Administrator Hilvo stated that it has not.

Discuss Park Grass Lawn Maintenance Applications; and Action Thereon

Administrator Hilvo explained that he received a request from a resident to have the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Board discuss the lawn maintenance applications in the parks. Currently the

City uses a chemical spray once every 3 years and only uses this application in certain parks. Vice-Chairperson Wagner stated that when the City was using an all-natural application there was a substantial difference in the lawn. With the current system of incorporating chemical applications there has been a significant improvement with less weeds. Brian Clement inquired if there was push back with the City using chemicals in the parks. Superintendent Anderson stated that the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department only had a complaint from one resident.

Motion made by Becky Hughes, seconded by Council Member Burkart, to continue the current park lawn maintenance applications. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold, James Schara, and Paul Rushing excused.

Review and Certify Code of Ethics; and Action Thereon

Vice-Chairperson Wagner certified that everyone on the Board has read, reviewed, and certified the Code of Ethics. No further discussion was needed.

REPORTS

Superintendent Anderson reported on the pool, the Activity Guide, flag football, fall soccer league, preparations for fall, youth basketball, STEM classes, Mad Science classes, and updating the City website.

City Forester Westphal reported on tree watering, post planting maintenance, service request pruning, pruning larger ash trees, park tree inventory, EAB treatments, river cleanup, contracted stump removals, storm calls, dead tree survey, decrease in removals, Dutch Elm disease treatments, updating the tree protection during construction policy to have a better procedure and less permitting issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Brian Clement, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold, James Schara, and Paul Rushing excused.

Chandler Steffen
Recreation Coordinator