

**Approved Minutes**  
**WYOMING PARK & RECREATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 4, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

*Chair Liljedahl called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park & Recreation Board for April 4, 2016 to order at 6:00PM*

**CALL OF ROLL:**

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Park & Recreation Board were present: Members Tammy Liljedahl, Roger Elmore, Bob Benyon, Eileen Connors, Kevin Teel, Claire Luger, Park Board Liaison*

*Also Present: Dave Torma, Antonio Rubio, Danielle Grosz-Haider*

*ABSENT: Diane Krinkie, Administrative Assistant*

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

The Chair determined a Quorum was present.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Antonio Rubio – Eagle Scout Project**

Scout Antonio Rubio provided the Park Board with additional detail regarding his proposed Eagle badge ballpark renovation project for the parks. He provided a cost breakdown for material needed for the project and explained he plans to fund raise to help raise money for the project. The Park Board agreed to assist financially to cover some of the expenses not covered by Antonio's fund raising projects. Antonio will submit an itemized detailed checklist to Dave Torma in the Public Works Department. He asked if the Park Board would approve his project so he can move forward. He would like to start the project the beginning of May and plans completion sometime in July.

Dave will check and see if the City has any fence posts and materials needed for the project.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BENYON, SECONDED BY MEMBER ELMORE TO APPROVE THE EAGLE SCOUT BALLPARK RENOVATION PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY SCOUT ANTONIO RUBIO.**

*Voting Aye: Liljedahl, Elmore, Benyon, Connors, Teel*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**Danielle Grosz-Haider, 24505 Holm Oak Avenue, Wyoming, MN – Resident of Liberty Ponds**

Danielle explained she and other residents have concerns regarding the future plans for Liberty Ponds Park and believe the current plan negatively impacts our quality of life. She asked the Park Board to provide an overview of the plans.

Dave Torma explained that the Park Board is looking at a cooperative opportunity with the Fire Relief Association. The Fire Relief Association will not be providing any monetary funds for the project however, they will provide man power and the equipment necessary for the development of the park. Plans for the first phase of the park are to clear the dead trees and brush and make the area a usable green space. The second phase would be to add a picnic shelter, parking lot and some amenities. Due to the level of traffic on Heath Avenue, park visibility and safety issues it is not likely the park will have playground equipment.

Member Elmore explained that the intention of a picnic shelter, gas grills and electric at the park is to provide an open area for family reunions, graduations, etc. He further explained that at this time there is nothing definite planned for the park and encouraged residents to watch the website for future Park Board agendas and attend future meetings.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER ELMORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER CONNORS TO APPROVE THE PARK & RECREATION MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

*Voting Aye: Liljedahl, Elmore, Benyon, Connors, Teel*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Lawn Care - Tree Assessment – Dave Torma*

- Bid opening for lawn care services was held last week. Swenson Lawn Care was the lowest bidder and will go before the City Council for approval on Tuesday, April 5.
- Dave reported that currently there are approximately 90 trees that need to be replaced and 37 open spots that could use trees or shrubs. In the next 3-5 years 116 or more trees could be used in current parks. Many more shrubs will be needed to landscape around the new park signs and other areas throughout the parks. Trees purchased from last year's budget from Applewood Nursery will be planted by the parking lot at Swenson Park.
- Dave explained that Public Works will be refilling wood chips at Goodview and Blue Spruce Park this spring. He would like to have additional discussion regarding the parking lot at Goodview Park.
- There needs to be an additional assessment of the pavement and upgrading to the rink boards prior to installing the pickle ball courts at Swenson Park. The Park Board would like to have the pickle ball courts ready for use by June.
- The Park Board requested information on the "***Tree Replacement Fund***" i.e., current balance of the fund and process for requesting money.
- Member Benyon provided an overview of the discussion from the Joint Park Planning meeting on March 22, 2016 regarding the "Greenwood at Carlos Avery" park dedication.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Park Tour scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am at City Hall. A list of the parks that will be toured will be provided.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**MAY 2, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**