

**Garden City Parks & Tree Board  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: November 18, 2014**

- I. Call to Order:** David Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 pm.
- II. Members present:** David Miller, Mike Ramsey, David Coltrain, Larry Scheuchzer and John Brennaman. Also in attendance were John Klempa, Alan Geier and Andy Liebelt.
- III. Members absent:** Kris Smith, Alan Riedel.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by John Brennaman and seconded by Larry Scheuchzer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by John Brennaman and seconded by David Miller to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- VI. Fund Report:**
  - A. General Account - \$21,499.65
  - B. Tree Account - \$8162.26
    - 1. Loans and rebates \$30,000.00 less:
      - i. 22 loans - \$17,660.00
      - ii. 64 rebates for 91 trees - \$4,177.74
  - C. Annual Street Tree Pruning: \$10,000.00
- VII. Staff Report:**
  - A. Report on current department issues.
    - 1. Santa Fe: Finney County has agreed to level the lot and remove the tree trunks. They will provide a sprinkler system and help move the playground equipment. Parks will move the trees and come up with a design. A Picnic shelter might be appropriate for the size of the lot.
    - 2. We met with the Finnup Foundation trustees over lunch to thank them for their support. We gave them a tour to show them where their contributions made a difference to Finnup Park and Finnup Scout Park. A Finnup account was closed out at Commerce Bank and \$4,036.74 was added to our Land Acquisition fund.
    - 3. Working on installing Christmas lights citywide. Volunteers will not be used to put up lights in Stevens Park.
    - 4. We have marked and started to remove the sod in preparation for the Sunflower Trail extension in Finnup Park.
    - 5. The Governing Body is looking at funds that might be affected by the State budget problems. Alcohol Tax which funds Park and Tree Board tree initiatives and playground restorations might be on the chopping block.
    - 6. Kevin Swank of Enviro Recycling is setting up to pulverize the wood waste at the KDHE burn site into mulch. Every 10<sup>th</sup> semi load goes to the Parks.
    - 7. Another large Scotch pine in the Zoo was removed. Jon Appel, a Department of Agriculture plant pathologist verified that it did not die from pine wilt. He found fungus, heart rot and secondary borer damage.

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8. We are reinstalling a monument to the Harmon Foundation for funds that helped develop The Grimsley Harmon Tennis complex area. A contractor is working up a bid price.
9. Scout masters were going to build the frames for two Park signs as a service project. We have decided to build them because they have failed to act in a timely manner.
10. We will be replacing two recycled plastic memorial park benches on the Main Street side of Stevens with the downtown style memorial bench. The originals will be given back to the donors.
11. We may be losing an employee to the Solid Waste division but we have a good prospect.

**VIII. Committee reports:**

- A. Arbor Day poster contest. We have the rules in our possession. We will need the poster paper to distribute to the teachers before Christmas break. Alan will check with Petersen Printing for the donated paper.

**IX. New Business**

- A. Resignation – Kris Smith has decided to resign due to time constraints.
- B. Tree City U.S.A. – The report is due in early January. The awards will be in Topeka in March.

**X. Schedule next meeting** – There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.

**NOTES:**