

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

Date: June 16, 2015

- I. Call to Order:** David Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.
- II. Members present:** David Miller, Mike Ramsey, Pat Geier, John Brennaman, Ed Sattler, Larry Scheuchzer and Andy Liebelt - Liaison.
- III. Members absent:** David Coltrain.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** Pat Geier noted the date was June 16. A motion was made by John Brennaman to approve the agenda as corrected and seconded by Pat Geier. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Pat Geier and seconded by Larry Scheuchzer to approve the minutes of the prior meeting on May 26, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.
- VI. Fund Report:**
 - A. General Account - \$35,128.21
 - a. There was a vandalism event at Finnup Park Shelter 5 last weekend that damaged bench seats beyond repair. Replacement seats cost \$125 each. Andy ordered eight seats to have spares. The funds to purchase the bench seats were taken from the shelter reservation fee fund. Ed Sattler asked about installing surveillance cameras.
 - B. Tree Trimming and Landscaping Account - \$41,727.92.
 - a. Gene Greer started today on trimming street trees. If other work prevents Gene from progressing, it may be necessary to let a contract to complete the task.
 - C. Tree Account - loans and rebates:
 - a. 7 loans - \$6,300.00, and
 - b. 10 rebates for \$700.00, with one additional after the agenda was sent.
- VII. Staff Report:**
 - A. Report on current department issues.
 - a. Santa Fe Park: mulch was put down and 12,000 ft. was seeded to Zoysia grass.
 - b. Two seasonal workers resigned during the prior week due to health problems. Andy interviewed three applicants and hired two, but one resigned before beginning work. There is one unfilled position open for a seasonal parks worker.
 - c. Anthony Reardon, City Parks Department Horticulturist, is starting work on the south Main Street beds.
 - d. Andy reported on tree replacements. Three oak trees spaded from the tree nursery died. Four Chinese Pistache and two Kwanzan Cherries were replaced on 7th, Laurel, Chestnut and Grant Streets. Some plants on the Campus Street wall were

replaced. Only twenty, plus or minus, rose bushes were replaced, which was not as many as had been anticipated earlier in the spring. Andy is waiting on local suppliers to obtain more replacement plants.

- e. Due to the recent beneficial rainfall, Parks' staff has spent more time mowing and weeding than in recent drought years.
- f. There is a need to hire a person who has training or experience with turf.
- g. Preston Martin, in charge of irrigation, is leading a crew by his own initiative.

VIII. Committee reports: None.

IX. Unfinished Business.

- A. City Arborist Breakfast: Andy met with Sam Curran to discuss requiring arborists to carry their licenses and display business signs on their vehicles. Sam indicated the City's ordinances did not require the display of business signs on vehicles, but Andy may require production of an arborist license when the individual is on a job site performing arborist services.
- B. Rachel Asebedo, City Code Enforcement, told Andy it is difficult to enforce the requirement that arborists maintain liability insurance when they drop their insurance after obtaining a license. Larry Scheuchzer mentioned the insurance companies will send a cancellation notice to the City if requested at the time the license is granted.

X. New Business.

- A. Recommended Tree List: Andy discussed meeting with local retail nursery owners to discuss the list and obtain their input and opinions.

XI. Announcements. Andy reminded all that the farmers' market will be at Steven's Park on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mike asked that the fall parks tour be put in the agenda for the next meeting.

XII. Schedule next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 5:45 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m. on motion made by Pat Geier, seconded by Larry Scheuchzer and carried.